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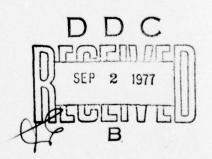
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Motivation and Ability

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#### Abstract

The relative contribution of motivation to ability measures in predicting performance criteria of sales personnel from successive fiscal periods was investigated. In this context, the merits of a multiplicative and additive combination of motivation and ability measures were examined. The relationship between satisfaction and motivation and combined motivation and ability was also investigated. Results provided support for the additive combination when motivation and a general ability measure were used in the prediction of job performance. In addition, job tenure was found to significantly affect job-related expectancies and valences. Results are discussed in terms of the conceptual and empirical problems involved in assuming the multiplicative dictum of ability times motivation. In addition, the restrictive use of only ability measures in the prediction of job performance is questioned.

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#### Introduction

For centuries, the concept of motivation, although not always labeled as such, has been the focus of man's attempt to explain his own behavior (Cofer & Appley, 1964). The British Associationists, for instance, formalized the hedonistic principle in a manner which maintained that man consciously tries to maximize pleasure and reduce pain by calculating the various outcomes associated with a given course of action. Campbell and Pritchard (1976) have succinctly traced the history of process motivation theories from Hull and Spence through Tolman and Lewin to the modern Skinnerían approach, indicating that throughout this tradition reinforcement, drive and incentive have played a central role in the formulation of motivational determinants. As such, these theories attempt to explain the processes responsible for the direction, amplitude and persistence of human behavior (Campbell, Dunnette, Lawler, & Weick, 1970).

Landy and Trumbo (1976) have pointed out that work motivation probably does not differ significantly from motivation in general. This is a relatively common view of work motivation and for this reason, most of the industrial models have their roots in the more general models of motivation such as those proposed by Tolman and Lewin. One of the most heuristic models of work motivation has been instrumentality theory as proposed by Vroom (1964) and Porter and Lawler (1968). As noted by Mitchell and Biglan (1971), instrumentality theory is distinguished from other theories of motivation by the proposition that an individual's behavior is in part determined by the expectation that

behavior will result in various outcomes or consequences and the affective value associated with these outcomes. As early as 1955, Brayfield and Crockett suggested an explicit path-goal relationship between productivity and the perceived value of high productivity for attaining desired goals. Georgopoulos, Mahoney and Jones (1957) were the first to test this explicit hypothesis in an industrial setting. They maintained that performance could be predicted from the worker's perception of the degree to which high performance resulted in the attainment of valued personal goals. The results were supportive of the hypothesis. In an attempt to consolidate and extend the research of Georgopoulos et al. (plus research from the verbal conditioning and attitude areas of psychology), Vroom (1964) developed a motivational model which attempts to predict an individual's choice of effort level for a particular task or choice of task.

## Motivation Models

Briefly, Vroom's model is composed of three components: valence, instrumentality and expectancy. The model combines the three components to produce two models. The first is to predict the valence of an outcome, and the second is to predict the individual's "force towards behavior" or level of task-related effort. Valence is defined as the anticipated satisfaction associated with an outcome, and instrumentality, in this model, is defined as the perceived relationship between one outcome and another. Instrumentality is, in effect, the perceived correlation between a level of performance (the first outcome) and some

other desired outcome (the second outcome). Symbolically, Mitchell and Biglan (1971) present this model as:

$$v_{j} = f_{k=1}^{n} (v_{k} \cdot I_{jk})$$

where V = the anticipated satisfaction for a certain level of performance.

 $V_k$  = the valence of a second outcome.

I jk = the perceived relationship between the level of
 performance and the second outcome.

n = the number of second outcomes.

In the second model, expectancy, defined as the perceived probability that a given level of personal effort will result in the desired level of performance, is combined with the valence of performance (the first model). Again, symbolically the second model can be represented as:

$$F_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (E_{ij} \cdot V_{j})$$

where F<sub>i</sub> = the force on an individual to exert a certain level of personal effort.

E<sub>ij</sub> = the perceived probability that a certain level of effort will result in the desired level of performance.

V = the valence of a certain level of performance derived
 from the first model.

n = the number of levels of performance.

Purportedly, an individual will exert the level of effort for which the force to perform is maximum. It should be noted that this theory deals with discrete levels of effort. As Campbell

and Pritchard (1976) pointed out, in order to test this model, expectancies must be measured for <u>each</u> level of effort and performance combination.

Lawler (1968) presented a slightly different and somewhat less complex model. The Porter and Lawler model attempts to predict an individual's level of effort directed toward performance rather than an individual's choice of effort level. The model maintains that an individual receives certain rewards or outcomes, either from the organization or himself, as a result of performing his job. One of the main determinants of an individual's motivation to perform on the job is the value that the individual associates with the resulting outcomes. While using the three components of valence, instrumentality and expectancy as Vroom did, this model estimates an individual's effort or motivation by summing across all possible outcomes rather than summing across all possible effort levels.

The second major determinant of effort is the perceived effort-reward probability; that is, the perceived relationship between exerting effort towards performance and the resulting outcomes. This probability is, in reality, a joint function of the perceived probability that performance depends on effort (expectancy) and the perceived probability that rewards depend on performance (instrumentality). Symbolically, the model may be represented as:

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (E \rightarrow P) \cdot (P \rightarrow O_{k}) \cdot V_{Ok}$$

where E = effort.

P = performance.

 $O_k = a$  given outcome.

1 = the effort-performance probability (expectancy).

2 = the performance-outcome probability (instrumentality).

V<sub>Ok</sub> = the value of a given outcome O<sub>k</sub>.

It can be seen that an individual's effort to perform on the job is a result of the sum of all the instrumentality statements for the resulting outcomes.

Heneman and Schwab (1972) suggested that the Vroom model and the Porter and Lawler model were substantially the same except for differences in terminology. However, as noted previously, there are subtle differences between the two models. Most notable of these differences is the fact that the Vroom model attempts to predict an individual's choice of effort level directed towards performance, while the Porter and Lawler model attempts to estimate an individual's level of effort. As Mitchell (1974) noted, the Vroom model is an ipsative model. It deals with intra-individual predictions of which task or effort level an individual would choose from among a range of alternatives (Campbell & Pritchard, 1976). The Porter and Lawler model, on the other hand, deals with between-individual predictions. It is interesting to note that Vroom's model is the most dominant theory of motivation in Organizational Psychology (Lawler, 1973), and yet as Mitchell noted, most research on instrumentality theory deals with between-individual comparisons.

Another subtle difference between the models deals with the relationship between effort and performance. Campbell and Pritchard (1976) pointed out that since the Vroom model deals with choice among alternative effort levels, the model assumes a discrete function relating each effort level with each performance level. The Porter and Lawler model apparently assumes a continuous function relating effort to performance. Thus, only one measure of the individual's perceived effort-performance relationship is necessary rather than the multiple measures required by the Vroom model. Typically, research on instrumentality theory attempts to measure the continuous function. Campbell and Pritchard (1976, p. 83) stated:

In general, if we wish to use the model to interpret what's going on in a field setting or make predictions about the general level of effort in a particular situation then overall estimates of the relationship between effort and performance and between performance and outcomes seem appropriate, given that we satisfy the conditions which make an overall estimate (i.e., the correlation coefficient) meaningful.

Based on these points and other criticisms leveled by Mitchell (1974) on instrumentality research purportedly testing Vroom's model, there seems to be little advantage in using the Vroom formulation as a basis to investigate the relationship between motivation and performance on the group level. The Porter and Lawler model would seem more applicable for this type of research interest.

#### Multiplicative Models

Porter and Lawler (1968) maintained that valence, instrumentality and expectancy combine in a multiplicative fashion to result in effort. Using a sample of female telephone operators, Hackman and Porter (1968) found that the median correlation ( $\underline{r}$  = .27) between a multiplicative combination and various effort and performance criteria was higher than the median correlation ( $\underline{r}$  = .17) for an additive model. Porter and Lawler (1968) and Pritchard and Sanders (1973) also found support for a multiplicative combination.

The conceptual argument favoring a multiplicative model is that if either valence, instrumentality or expectancy is lacking, then motivation or effort should also be lacking. A multiplicative combination provides for such an interactive model. However, there is significant concern over the use of a multiplicative model. Primarily, the concern centers on the statistical independence of the components. For the multiplicative model to make sense, the terms being multiplied must be independent events (Campbell & Pritchard, 1976). This is not to suggest that the components do not interact in the model, but rather that an individual's perception of expectancy should not depend upon his perception of instrumentality or vice-versa Gavin (1970), using the Lawler and Porter (1967a) questionnaire, found a significant correlation (r = .91) between instrumentality and valence, suggesting that the components of an instrumentality statement indeed covary to a significant extent. Campbell and Pritchard (1976) pointed out that a multiplicative combination of components generally results in higher correlations than the individual components alone but the difference is usually not very great; and typically multiplying by valence makes very little difference since expectancy and instrumentality apparently account for most of the variance. Thus, the assumption of statistical independence of components which is crucial to the multiplicative model may be unfounded.

An additional problem seen in using the multiplicative model deals with the scale properties used to measure the components. A multiplicative combination assumes that the individual components are measured on a ratio scale. Hackman and Porter (1968) pointed out that although a zero point may occur on measures of expectancy and instrumentality, it is clear that the measurement procedures do not meet the criteria for a ratio scale. Schmidt (1973) showed that correlations resulting from a multiplicative combination, after the components were subjected to transformations appropriate to a ratio scale, fluctuated more than they should have if appropriate scales had been used. Schmidt's point was that in order to adequately test a multiplicative model, appropriate scaling procedures must be used. Mitchell (1974) reiterates this point, as do Campbell and Pritchard (1976).

## Motivation and Performance

It should be noted that the Porter and Lawler model is intended to predict job related effort rather than performance.

Performance is viewed as a function of many other determinants besides motivation. The most common paradigm maintains that performance is a function of ability times motivation. However, only a few studies in the literature on instrumentality theory have attempted to incorporate ability in the prediction of performance; and contrary to the conclusion offered by Campbell

and Willems (1975) in their review, empirical results generally do not support a combined motivation-ability model--regardless of whether the function is multiplicative or additive. Lawler (1966) found, when using supervisor's ratings of managerial qualifications as the ability measure, a significant main effect only for instrumentality on the two dependent performance measures. The main effect for ability and the interaction effect were significant for only one performance measure. Galbraith and Cummings (1967), also using a factorial design in a regression analysis, found that no valence, instrumentality, or ability component entered any of the equations significantly and only six of 54 possible interactions entered significantly. ability measure was the length of time on the job. Using an "in-house" mental aptitude test, Gavin (1970) found that only an additive regression model for ability, valence, instrumentality and role perception resulted in significant multiple correlation. Graen (1969), in examining the relationship between Vroom's motivational components, ability and performance found that combined motivation and ability did not appreciably increase the variance accounted for in performance over that accounted for by ability alone. Arvey (1972), investigating the Campbell, Dunnette, Lawler and Weick (1970) model, tested Maier's motivation times ability dictum by correlating actual performance with a derived performance score based on a multiplicative combination of components. The correlation was .14, accounting for 2 percent of the variance in performance. Chung (1968), using correlational analysis, found that both an additive and multiplicative combination of ability and motivation were significantly related

to academic performance although no test was made for the increment over ability alone. The ability measure was college exam scores.

Henson (1976) also used the expectancy model to predict academic performance. Using separate multiple regressions for expectancy, ability and the interaction of ability and expectancy, he found that the interaction term accounted for more variance in performance than either of the main effects, but the unique variance in ability was considerably stronger than that of expectancy. The interaction term in this study apparently was a linear function of expectancy and ability. Ability was represented by a linear function of verbal and math scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, past GPA, high school rank and average, and a one-item self report measure of ability. In another academic study, Mitchell and Nebeker (1973) attempted to predict GPA using variou; expectancy measures in combination with ability. Ability, again, was a linear combination of Pre-college Entrance Exam Scores plus other data (e.g., high school average). Using simple correlations and multiple regression approaches, they found that only ability was related to GPA regardless of whether additive or multiplicative models were tested. Kopelman and Thompson (1976) also used ability in conjuntion with expectancy theory, although their study was not a direct test of a combined motivation-ability model. Their results indicated that expectancy predictions of supervisory performance were significant (p < .01) in both high and low ability subgroups of engineers. The ability measure was based on performance rankings rather than on a direct measure of ability. As they noted, this method of

assessing ability was quite crude. Terborg (1977) in a study designed to simulate real work experience, found that a linear combination of psychometric ability measures not used for selecting individuals (thus reducing the restriction of range problem) was significantly related to performance in a linear regression equation along with effort and role definitions. The interaction of ability, effort and role definitions did not result in a significant increment in R<sup>2</sup> on any of the performance criteria. Finally, Dachler and Mobley (1973) attempted to test a modification of expectancy theory including a combined motivationability model in two field settings. The ability data was based on the companies' selection tests and were collected from company records. Dachler and Mobley hypothesized a significant relationship between performance and the interaction of ability and motivation; unfortunately they were unable to test the hypothesis since ability measures which were significantly related to performance were available only for a short tenure group in one plant. They report that for this group, ability was significantly related to performance (r=.36, p <.05) but the relationship with motivation was nonsignificant. Further, the interaction between ability and motivation did not improve prediction of performance over the predictability by ability alone. In another field study, Lawler and Suttle (1973) found marginal support for both an additive and multiplicative combination of ability and motivation for predicting performance ratings. These results, however, are inconclusive since the ability measure, the Thurstone Test of Mental Alertness, was not significantly related to performance. As Dunnette (1973) pointed out, these results

seriously question a multiplicative rule for combining motivation and ability. Dunnette also suggested that ability alone was the most parsimonious basis for predicting job performance. But, as Campbell and Pritchard (1976) pointed out, although the attempts to combine motivation and ability multiplicatively to predict performance have been singularly unsuccessful, the performance = ability x motivation formulation is at best muddled and little else should be expected. It would seem that the multiplicative combination of motivation and ability would be liable to the same criticisms as directed towards the multiplicative combination of components; and as such, alternative combinations should be investigated. Furthermore, in contradistinction to Dunnette's point, the relevant research question should be what is the contribution of motivation over ability in the prediction of job performance.

### Motivation and Satisfaction

The Porter and Lawler model also suggests that motivation and job satisfaction are related through a system of feedback loops. A time lag relationship is implied. Lawler and Porter (1967b) argued that if performance causes satisfaction as Vroom (1964) suggested, then the relationship between satisfaction and performance should be higher than the relationship between satisfaction and effort. Using superior's rankings of effort and performance, their results were consistent with this hypothesis. Lawler (1968) found that a cross-lagged correlational analysis generally supported the view that expectancy attitudes could be thought of as causing performance. The model incorporates two feedback loops. The first postulates that the

effort-reward relationship will change as a result of the individual's reinforcement history. That is, the relationship will change as a result of the actual reward practices followed by the organization or the individual. The second feedback loop suggests that actual satisfaction with a reward or outcome influences subsequent anticipated satisfaction or value of the rewards. Thus, the cycle is closed. According to the model, motivation at time 1 causes performance at time 1 and hence satisfaction at time 1. The satisfaction obtained during time 1 then influences the individual's perceived expectancies and valences during time 2 which in turn influences performance at time 2. There is little research investigating this relationship, although Wanous (1974) found some support for the cross-lag relationship between satisfaction and performance when satisfaction was split into intrinsic and extrinsic rewards. The explicit hypothesis is that the cross-lag relationship between motivation and satisfaction should be stronger than the static relationship obtained for a concomitant time period.

## Measurement

The measurement of the various components involved in instrumentality theory is an area of concern as pointed out by Heneman and Schwab (1972), Mitchell (1974) and Campbell and Pritchard (1976). The model assumes that expectancy and instrumentality are probabilities with values ranging from 0.0 to 1.0. However, usually these variables have been measured with questionnaire items using summated rating (i.e., Likert) response

formats and almost no research has been carried out using process analysis or scaling techniques to see whether individual's are viewing the variables in the manner intended by the researcher (Campbell & Pritchard, 1976). Furthermore, most research retains the Likert format in the data analysis instead of at least transforming the scales into a format congruent with the dictates of the model. This could be a serious fault since Likert format scoring does not permit the type of results possible in a multiplicative model when 0.0 to 1.0 values are used. That is, a multiple cative instrumentality statement should reduce to zero when any of the components are zero. Similar problems are seen in the measurement of valence. The model suggests that valence represents a bipolar dimension reflecting anticipated satisfaction. Usually a Likert format of important-unimportant is used to measure valence without any reference to satisfaction (Mitchell, 1974). Again, most studies do not transform the Likert scale into a -1.0 to +1.0 scale prior to data analysis.

As noted previously, the model is not intended to predict performance. An estimate of performance is obtained only by combining motivation with ability. Even this formulation is probably an insufficient estimate of performance as indicated by the Graen (1969), Campbell et al. (1970) and Campbell and Pritchard (1976) modifications. When the model is validated against effort, either self reports of effort or peer or supervisor's ratings of effort are used as the dependent measure.

As Campbell and Pritchard pointed out, in the case of self report measures, method variance is a problem and in the case of supervisor's or peer ratings, the distinction between performance and effort is a problem. It would seem that research investigating the contribution of motivation over ability in predicting performance would be more beneficial than investigating the relationship between motivation and performance.

## Purpose of the Present Study

In light of the unenthusiastic support for a multiplicative combination of motivation and ability or the combination of components involved in Porter and Lawler's (1968) instrumentality model, the present study intends to compare a multiplicative and additive model and the relationship between the models and performance in a field setting. The purpose is not to assess whether motivation or ability is the best predictor of performance, but rather to investigate whether motivation contributes over ability in the prediction of performance.

Lawler (1973) clearly distinguishes between a specific aptitude and a more general experiential ability as a partial determinant of performance. In defining performance as a function of ability times motivation, he suggested that ability includes all of the training, experience, talent and aptitude which are necessary for performance. Heneman and Schwab (1972), in a review of instrumentality research, indicated that most attempts to test the combined instrumentality-ability model such as Lawler (1966) and Galbraith and Cummings (1967) used a rather specific ability measure. They further suggested that

future research should experiment with numerous psychometric ability measures. Therefore, the present study will investigate the effect of two different ability measures in the combined motivation-ability model. One measure is a sales index used by the organization for selection purposes. The other measure is a more general ability measure not used for selection. This study will not attempt to deal, either conceptually or empirically, with the contaminating affect of motivation in ability measurement, although an argument could be made that the motivation involved in test taking is distinct from the motivation involved in a work setting as investigated in this study.

The present study will also investigate the relationship between motivation and job related satisfaction as well as the relationship between performance and satisfaction. The impact of job experience on expectancies, valences and the relationship between motivation and performance will also be investigated.

### Method

### Sample

The main sample for this project was composed of fifty-six field sales representatives drawn from thirteen geographically distinct sales districts of a nationwide optical supply company. Since the purpose of the study was to investigate the relationship between job related instrumentalities and performance and satisfaction for salesmen as a group, district membership was not considered. Thus, the thirteen districts were collapsed to form one sample of sales personnel. An individual was included

in this sample if he had been part of the sales force for at least the entire calendar year preceding the fiscal period during which the attitude survey was administered. That is, since the survey was completed during the first half of 1975, all the salesmen in this sample worked at least the entire year of 1974. Tenure with the company ranged from 1.0 to 3.5 years (median = 1.75 years), and all but three of the salesmen in this sample had been originally hired by the company for their current sales position. The age of the sample covered a range from 25 to 60 years of age (median = 32 years). Seventy-five percent of this sample (N = 42) completed and returned the attitude survey.

In order to investigate the effect of tenure with the company on job related instrumentalities, a smaller second sample  $(\underline{N}=14)$  was compared to 14 salesmen randomly drawn from the main sample. This smaller sample was composed of salesmen who had worked for the company for less than six months starting at the beginning of 1975. Thus, for this sample job related attitudes were measured during their initial six months with the company. Ninety-three percent  $(\underline{N}=13)$  of this sample completed and returned the attitude survey.

## Independent Variables

Responses from the 1975 Attitude Survey permitted a longitudinal investigation of the relationship between performance data measured at several points in time and self reported perceptions of the extent to which personal job effort resulted in incentive payments and future promotions. The assumption was made that both incentive payments and future promotions were at least indirectly a result of job performance. In effect, the study was undertaken to ascertain the relative contribution of motivation over ability measures in the prediction of job performance and satisfaction. In addition, the effect of combining motivation and ability either multiplicatively or additively was assessed. Thus, the independent variables of interest were statements of the instrumentality of personal job effort for the attainment of desired outcomes, derived estimates of personal job effort and measures of job related abilities.

For each salesman, two instrumentality statements were derived from the responses to the attitude survey. Each instrumentality statement was composed of two components: an expectancy component (EI) and a valence component (V). One expectancy component, (EI) pay, required the individual to indicate on a 7-point Likert scale the degree to which incentive payments reflected personal job effort. A second expectancy component, (EI) promotion, indicated the degree to which future promotions reflected personal job effort. The valence of pay and promotion for the individual were derived from a perceived importance questionnaire which required the respondent to indicate on a 7-point Likert scale the importance of pay and promotion for overall job satisfaction. The individual's instrumentality statement for pay [(EIV)pay] and for promotions [(EIV)prom) was constructed by combining the respective expectancy and valence

components. An estimate of the individual's level of effort was found by summing the two instrumentality statements.

In addition to the above variables, two different ability measures were available. One measure, the Sales Selection Index (SSI), was a recently developed predictive index of sales personnel performance with values in the range from one to five. This index was derived from a linear combination of several aptitude and personality measures found to be specifically related to a sales force performance. Within the last few years, the home office had been using the Sales Selection Index as a personnel selection instrument for all district sales personnel. The other ability measure (WESTB) used in this study was a simple linear combination of the Wesman Personnel Classification Test (total score) and the Bennett Mechanical Comprehension Test. The Wesman Personnel Classification Test is a general measure of intellectual ability which provides both a numerical and verbal subscore, as well as a total score. The Bennett Mechanical Comprehension Test is primarily a test of knowledge of applied physics (Bass & Barrett, 1972). Preliminary research indicated that the Wesman and the Bennett were each optimally related to different criteria of interest. Therefore, it was decided to simply combine the two measures into one ability measure; and in effect, utilize the relevance of both tests simultaneously as a predictor of sales force performance. Nagle (1953) has suggested that combining variables on the basis of judged relevance is to be preferred over more mathematically sophisticated means of combination.

The relevant attitude survey items are in Appendix A, the means and standard deviations of the attitude and ability measures in Appendix B, and the normative data for the instrumentality variables are in Appendix C.

## Dependent Variables

Both objective performance data and subjective supervisor's ratings were available for dependent variables. The objective performance data consisted of transformed data representing sales quota ratio, sales volume and incentive payments measured semi-annually. In addition, supervisors provided performance ratings and promotability ratings for each salesman. The attitude survey also provided several satisfaction measures, both job related and personal life related.

As part of a continuing research project with the company, objective performance data for each salesman was collected for every semi-annual period. Sales quota ratio is the ratio of sales volume for a given period to the expected quota of sales volume set by the home office. Sales volume is a transformed figure representing the total amount of sales for a given period attributed to the salesmen. The salesman's incentive payment for the period is based on a complex formula which allows the individual additional income in relation to the extent to which sales volume exceeds sales quota. During the first period of each fiscal year, the sales personnel receive a supervisor's rating of performance and promotability on a scale ranging from 1 to 5.

This study specifically investigated the relationship between motivation and salesmen performance at three points

in time. The first time period (T1) represents a combination of the two periods immediately preceding the fiscal period during which the attitude survey was administered. That is, sales volume (T1) represents the combined sales volume for the first and second halves of 1974. The second time period (T2) represents the fiscal period concomitant with the administration of the attitude survey, and the third period (T3) is the post-survey fiscal period. The supervisor's ratings were obtained twice (Tl and T3) during the time span of interest. Inspection of the relationship between time periods for the objective performance data indicated that these criteria were essentially unreliable. Therefore, performance data for each period (T1, T2, and T3) were transformed to stanine scores (Guilford & Fruchter, 1973; Ferguson, 1976) in an attempt to reduce the standard error of measurement. Stanine scores correspond to equal intervals in standard deviation units on the base line of the unit normal curve. As such, a stanine transformation is a simple method for converting measures to an approximate normal distribution. The group, which results in scores with a range from 1 to 9 with a mean of 5, although coarse, is sufficiently refined for many practical purposes (Ferguson, 1976). The relationship between fiscal periods for both raw performance data and transformed performance data, as well as the means and standard deviations for each measure by fiscal period, appear in Appendices E and F.

The Job Descriptive Index (Smith, Kendall, & Hulin, 1969) provided measures of job related satisfaction. The JDI is a carefully researched instrument developed to measure satisfac-

tion with five facets of the job: work itself, pay, opportunities for promotion, supervision and co-workers. In the attitude survey, the co-worker scale was relabeled "accounts and prospects." This 72-item instrument has demonstrated satisfactory psychometric properties. Reported internal consistency reliability corrected to full length by the Spearman-Brown formula range from .80 to .88 for the five scales (Smith et al., 1969). Additionally, a personal life questionnaire provided measures of satisfaction with four aspects of personal life: life in general, home life, the job, and free time. The psychometric properties of this 4-item instrument are unknown. The means and standard deviations for all satisfaction scales and items appear in Appendix B.

#### Procedure

In an attempt to adhere more closely to the conceptual meaning of instrumentality than is typical of field research on motivation, the scale values of expectancy and valence were transformed prior to being combined to form an instrumentality statement. Since, conceptually, expectancy represents the perceived probability that a level of personal effort will result in the attainment of a valued outcome, the scale values for expectancy [(EI)pay and (EI)prom], which originally covered a range from 1 to 7 on a Likert Scale, were transformed to cover a range from 0.0 to 1.0. Thus, for example, a value of 1.0 on the (EI)prom scale indicates that the individual perceived future promotions to be a direct result of personal job effort.

Conceptually, this transformation is thought to be important because it permits a value of 0.0 for the expectancy component rather than the basal value of 1 permitted on the Likert Scale. The importance can be seen in the case in which an individual perceives no relationship between personal effort and an outcome. The 0.0 value could, in effect, eliminate the entire instrumentality statement for a multiplicative model.

Similarly, valence, defined as the strength of positive or negative affect for an outcome such as pay or promotions, was transformed. Valence should be measured on a bipolar scale with extreme values representing extreme affect. Therefore, the scale values for valence (Vpay and Vprom) which originally covered a range from 1 to 7 on a Likert scale were transformed to cover a range from -1.0 to +1.0. A value of 0.0 indicates ambivalence towards the outcome in question.

The expectancy component and the valence component were combined in two ways: multiplicatively and additively. This was done for both the instrumenality statement for pay (EIVpay) and the statement for promotions (EIVprom).

Instrumentality theory suggests that performance is a result of the individual's ability to perform and the motivation to perform (Vroom, 1964; Porter & Lawler, 1968). The question to which this study was addressed is how should ability and motivation combine, multiplicatively or additively. Thus, for each multiplicative instrumentality statement and estimate of effort (which is the two instrumentality statements added together) ability was either combined multiplicatively or additively resulting in a multiplicative model ([(EI) · V] · A)

or a partially additive model ([(EI)  $\cdot$  V] + A), respectively. For each additive instrumentality statement and estimate of effort, ability was combined additively resulting in an additive model ([(EI) + V] + A). The resulting multiplicative, partially additive and additive models for effort were ( $\Sigma$ [(EI)  $\cdot$  V]  $\cdot$  A), ( $\Sigma$ [(EI)  $\cdot$  V] + A), and ( $\Sigma$ [(EI)  $\cdot$  V] + A), respectively. Models were constructed using both the Sales Selection Index and the Wesman total plus Bennett ability measures.

Correlational analysis was used to assess the relationship between motivation and performance and satisfaction, and to investigate the influence of multiplicative, partially additive and additive models on these relationships. When possible, the results for two fiscal periods (Tl and T2) are presented simultaneously to afford pre-survey comparisons. The results for the post-survey fiscal period are presented separately.

variables has received some criticism in the literature. Schmidt (1973) has provided one of the more pursuasive demonstrations arguing against the use of correlational analysis involving computed multiplicative instrumentality variables. He argues that multiplicative variables require a ratio scale of measurement, and that the instability of relationships involving such variables can be demonstrated by submitting these variables to transformations appropriate for ratio scale measurement and then observing the effect of the transformations on the correlation coefficient. The sample correlations used in his study did in fact vary considerably as a result of the data transformations. Schmidt considerably as a result of the data transformations.

cluded, as others have, that correlational analysis should not be used to determine goodness of fit when multiplicative variables are involved in the analysis. While Schmidt's criticism is wellfounded, it should be noted that the transformations chosen for use in his study effected the variances of the variables and hence the correlation coefficient would be expected to be altered from transformation to transformation. In addition, by adding large constant "errors" as was done under the interval transformations, the multiplicative correlations would be expected to vary more than under the typical case of small random error. Connolly (1976) suggests that rather large zero-point errors are required to change the predictive accuracy of the multiplicative models by the degree Schmidt report. Further, he suggests that the careful researcher would not likely be mislead when more probable degrees of error are involved. That is, when simple additive and multiplicative models are compared by correlational analysis support can be claimed for the multiplicative model when it clearly results in better prediction. However, the multiplicative model cannot be totally discounted, even when the additive model is clearly superior, since the assumptions underlying the multiplicative model have been violated. Thus, while the researcher cannot claim to test the theoretical correctness of a particular model, the predictive efficacy of a model can be discussed. Therefore, as Connolly points out, the simple models do not need to be completely abandoned in favor of more timing-consuming techniques such as conjoint measurement or functional analysis, provided some caution is given with regard to the scaling issues raised by Schmidt and others.

### Results

Generally, the relationship between ability measures and performance is used as the basis against which to judge the contribution of motivation in predicting performance. Table 1 presents the relationship between the ability measures of interest and the performance criteria for both fiscal periods. As indicated by the results, both the Sales Selection Index and the Wesman total plus Bennett offer a slight advantage over either the Wesman or the Bennett in terms of the number of significant relationsips. Also, there does not appear to be any pattern of superiority for one ability measure over another; superiority residing in the particular criteria of interest. It was on this basis that Sales Selection Index and the Wesman total plus Bennett were chosen for use in the rest of the study. A t-test for correlated measures (Ferguson, 1976) was performed to test for significant differences between fiscal periods. As the t-values in parentheses indicate, there were no significant differences between fiscal periods for the relationship between ability measures and objective performance data.

## Relationship Between Instrumentality and Performance

The relationship between instrumentality and performance criteria for both multiplicative and additive models is shown in Table 2. Inspection of the table reveals several interesting points. Most obvious is the complete lack of significance between performance and instrumentality of pay regardless of whether expectancy and valence are combined multiplicatively or additively. Secondly, only promotability rating was re-

Table 1

Relationship between Ability Measures and Performance Criteria

by Fiscal Periods.

		Ability	Measures	
	WesmanA	BennettB	WESTBC	ssi <sup>D</sup>
Sales Quota Ratio				
$\tilde{T}1 (N = 56)$	.14	.11	. 17	.19
	(1.72)	(22)	(.33)	(.11)
T2  (N = 48)	17	.15	.00	.17
Sales Volume (9)				
T1 $(N = 56)$	.16	.28*	.29*	.28*
11 (1 - 30)	(.22)	(.07)	(.15)	(.23)
T2 (N = 48)	.13	.27	.27	.25
Incentive Payment				
T1  (N = 56)	.23	.26*	.32*	.23
	(1.84)	(.51)	(1.50)	(.07)
T2 $(\underline{N} = 48)$	02	.19	.12	.22
Performance Rating				
(N = 56)	.01	.16	.11	.38*
<u></u> 30)		• • •	• • •	. 30
Promotability Rating				
(N = 56)	.39**	.07	.30*	.26*

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between T1 and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.01.

Awesman Personnel Classification Test (Total Score).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{B}}$ Bennett Mechanical Comprehension Test.

 $<sup>^{</sup>C}_{\mathrm{Wesman}}$  total plus Bennett.

D<sub>Sales</sub> Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p 4.05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p < .01.

Table 2

Relationship between Performance Criteria and Instrumentality

by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

		Model	S	
	Multipli		Addit	
	[(EI).		[(EI)	The state of the s
	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota Ratio				
Tl	16	.25	12	.24
	(-2.40)*	(.26)	(-2.11)*	(.05)
Т2	.29	.20	.28	.25
Sales Volume				
T1	.15	.24	.21	.24
TI	(1.51)	(.28)	(1.45)	(.28)
m2				
T2	07	.20	.00	.20
Incentive Payment				
Tl	07	.22	.02	.22
	(-2.15)*	(14)	(-1.64)	(49)
Т2	.24	.24	.26	.29
Performance Rating	.14	.26	.14	.28
religimance Racing	.14	. 20	. 1.7	.20
Promotability Rating	.04	.48**	.08	.56*

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02.

n = 42

\*F < .05.

\*\*p < .001.

lated to instrumentality, and only for the instrumentality of promotions. A test for differences between fiscal periods resulted in three significant differences as indicated by the t-values in parentheses. There was a significant difference between fiscal periods in the relationship between sales quota ratio and the instrumentality of pay regardless of whether the models are combined multiplicatively or additively. Also, there was a significant difference for the incentive payment-multiplicative instrumentality of pay relationship. In each case, the fiscal period concomitant with the attitude survey displayed the significantly higher relationship.

Table 3 shows the relationship between performance criteria and effort by fiscal period. The results indicate that for objective performance data, only the additive model is significantly related to performance, and only for the concomitant fiscal period. Tests for significant differences between fiscal periods were nonsignificant. These two results suggest that there is some advantage in combining expectancy and valence additively rather than multiplicatively as instrumentality theory suggests.

# Relationship Between Combined Motivation-Ability and Performance

As noted previously, instrumentality theory suggests that a combination of ability and motivation should be more strongly related to performance than either ability or motivation alone. Tables 4 and 5 show the relationship between performance criteria for each fiscal period and combined instrumentality-ability and effort-ability respectively. The ability measure

Table 3

Relationship between Performance Criteria and Effort

by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

	Mode	
	Multiplicative	Additive
	Σ[(EI).V]	$\Sigma[(EI)+V]$
Sales Quota Ratio		
Tl	.08	.12
	(-1.09)	(-1.00)
T2	.29	.31*
Sales Volume		
Tl	.24	.26
	(.96)	(.83)
T2	.10	.14
Incentive Payment		
Tl	.18	.17
	(75)	(-1.11)
T2	. 29	.33*
Performance Ratings	.26	.26
Promotability Ratings	.35*	.44**

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02.

 $\underline{n} = 42$ 

\*p <.05.

\*\*p <.01.

Table 4

. Relationship between Performance Criteria and Combined

Instrumentality and Ability by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative,

			Partial Additive and Additive Models Models	tive and Ad	Additive Mod Models	els.		
	Multiplicat	Multiplicative	Part. Additi	e de		Additive	11	
	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota								
Ratio		•						
TI	04	.19	.13	.14	.13	.14	[86]	[ .32]
T2	(-1.89)	(*05)	(10)	(00)	(10)	(05)	100	[ 19]
	.36.	0.10	CT.	<b>*</b> 1.	CT.	CT.	106.	
Sales								
Volume								
TI	.24	.22	.29	.29	.29	.29	[27]	[47]
	(1.53)	(90*-)	(95.)	(.49)	(.49)	(.49)		
T2	.02	.23	.21	.22	.22	.22	[-1.03]	[ .07]
Incentive								
Payment								
TI	.07	.20	.18	.19	.19	.19	[61]	[ .07]
C#	(-1.51)	(90)	(90)	(.13)	(.13)	(.13)		
12	.29	.21	.17	.17	.17	.17	[ .63]	[ .26]
Performance								
Ratings	.27	.24	*30*	*30*	*30*	.31*	[16]	[-,47]
Promotability	ž,							3:
Ratings	.16	.45**	.16	.18	.16	.18	[ 00 ]	[1.93]

# Table 4 (Continued)

multiplicative and additive model are enclosed in brackets. A negative t-value indicates Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02. t-values for a test of significant differences between the the relationship for the additive model is higher than the multiplicative model.

n = 41

+Ability (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

\*P <.05.

\*\*p <.01.

Table 5

and Ability by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative, Partial Relationship between Performance Criteria and Combined Effort

Additive and Additive Models.

		Models		
	Multiplicative [(EI).V].A	Part. Additive	Additive [(EI)+V]+A+	1 + t
Sales Quota Ratio	11:	.14	.14	[19]
T2	.28	.14	(10)	[77.]
Sales Volume Tl	88	52.	*30*	[13]
13.2	.15	.22	.22	[44]
Incentive Payment Tl	.17	.19	.19	[13]
т2	.29	(.13)	.18	[17.]
Performance Ratings	*30*	.31*	.31*	[07]
Promotability Ratings	*39*	.18	.19	[1.34]

t.05 = 2.02. Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed multiplicative and additive model are enclosed in brackets. A negative t-value indicates the relationship for the additive model is higher than the multiplicative model. t.05 = 2 in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02. t-values for a test of significant differences between the

 $\underline{n}=41.$ 

+Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

was the Sales Selection Index. In each table, the multiplicative, partially additive, and additive models are compared. The most striking result obtained from Table 4 is the nearly complete lack of significant relationships between objective performance data and combined instrumentality-ability regardless of how instrumentality and ability are combined. It should also be noted that the partially additive and additive models resulted in virtually identical relationships with the performance criteria for each fiscal period. Tests for differences between fiscal periods were all nonsignificant as indicated by the t-values in parentheses. Inspection of both Tables 4 and 5 suggests that the additive model relationships may be slightly larger than the relationships involving the multiplicative model; however, t-tests for differences between the multiplicative model and the additive model were all nonsignificant as indicated by the t-values in brackets. Although the t-values are small, it should be noted that out of the possible eight comparisons each for instrumentality of pay, instrumentality of promotions and effort, 63%, 25%, and 63% of the perspective comparisons are in a direction favoring the additive model. The most notable exception to this pattern involved promotability ratings in which case the multiplicative model for instrumentality of promotions and effort were slightly more highly related than the corresponding additive model. Although the t-values are nonsigificant, the results seem to favor an additive model. Contribution of Motivation in Predicting Performance

Information bearing directly on the question of the relative contribution of motivation beyond ability in predicting per-

formance is provided in Tables 6 and 7. Table 6 presents the t-values obtained in testing differences between the relationship of ability and performance and the relationship of combined instrumentality-ability and performance when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance was higher than the corresponding relationship between instrumentalityability and performance. Differences were tested only for the multiplicative and additive models since the partially additive and additive models resulted in nearly identical correlations. In general, the results of Table 6 and 7 indicate that the Sales Selection Index by itself was a better predictor of performance criteria, particularly for the subjective performance criteria, than any combination of ability and motivation. t-values in Table 6 suggest that the additive model is particularly weak, when compared to ability alone, in predicting performance. The same conclusions can be drawn from the results in Table 7, which compares combined effort-ability against ability alone.

To summarize, when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure, results indicated that there were no significant differences between fiscal periods in the relationships between combined motivation-ability and performance, although the relationships were generally small. Also, there was a suggestion that the additive model was slightly superior to the multiplicative model in predicting performance, even though the difference between the multiplicative and additive model was nonsigificant. However, a comparison of the performance-ability

Table 6

Comparison of the Relationships between Ability and

Performance and Combined Instrumentality-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Models) and Performance by Fiscal Period.

			Models	
	Multipl [(EI)	icatiye ·V]·A	Additi [(EI)+V	+
	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota Ratio				
T1	-1.23	.00	-3.12**	-2.51*
T2	.83	.07	95	95
Sales Volume				
Tl	22	41	.49	.49
Т2	-1.24	14	-1.47	-1.47
Incentive Payment				
Tl	86	20	-1.98	-1.98
Т2	.39	07	-2.53*	_2.53*
Performance Rating	63	98	-4.94***	-4.07***
Promotability Rating	54	1.38	-6.87***	-4.67***

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is higher than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values. t.05 = 2.01, t.01 = 2.69, 5.001 = 3.48.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p 4.05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p 4.01.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>p 4.001.

Table 7

Comparison of the Relationship between Ability and

Performance and Combined Effort-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Models) and Performance by Fiscal Period.

	Mo	dels
	Multiplicatiye Σ[(EI)·V]·A	Additive $\Sigma[(EI)+V]+A^+$
Sales Quota Ratio		
Tl	51	-2.52*
Т2	.72	47
Sales Volume		
T1	.00	.98
Т2	65	-1.47
Incentive Payment		
Tl	39	-1.98
Т2	.46	-1.98
Performance Rating	55	-4.07**
Promotability Rating	.89	-3.87**

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relation-ship between ability and performance is higher than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values. t.05 = 2.01, t.01 = 2.69, 5.001 = 3.48.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p <.05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p < .001.

relationships with the performance-combined motivation-ability relationships strongly suggest that motivation adds nothing in the prediction of performance. These results are rather discouraging in terms of the theoretical nature of instrumentality theory. The hypothesis that a combination of motivation and ability should be more strongly related to performance than either motivation or ability alone was not substantiated.

The Wesman total plus Bennett (WESTB) provided an additional ability measure which the organization did not use for selection. Table 8 shows the relationship between performance criteria and combined instrumentality-ability by fiscal period when the Wesman total plus Bennett (WESTB), a more general measure, was used as the ability measure. Again, several points should be noted. First, a comparison of the relationships between fiscal periods was generally nonsignificant, as the t-values in parentheses indicate. The exception to this point was the relationship between sales quota ratio and the multiplicative instrumentality of pay. For sales quota ratio, the concomitant fiscal period resulted in a significantly higher relationship. Second, the relationship between the additive model and sales volume is noticeably consistent between fiscal periods. Third, the partially additive and additive models resulted in nearly identical relationships with performance criteria, as was the case when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure. Inspection of Table 8 suggests that use of the additive model resulted in slightly higher relationships than the multiplicative model.

Table 8

Relationship between Performance Criteria and Combined

Instrumentality and Ability by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative,

Partial Additive and Additive Models.

				MC	Mode 1s			
	Multip]	Multiplicative	Part. Ac	ct. Additive		Additive (EI)+V]+A		
	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota			•					
Ratio	ì		. (	(	(	(	,	
11	16	.25	.22	.23	.22	.23	[-1.76]	[ .12 ]
T2	(-2.65)	.19	.10	(7/*)	.10	.10	1.091	[ .53 ]
Sales								•
11	.27	.28	.35*	.35*	*35.	* "	[40]	[44]
	(1.75)	(07)	(*36)	(.34)	(38)	(.29)		
Т2	.02	.29	*08.	*08.	*30*	.31*	[-1.31]	[+.12]
Incentive								
T1	.03	*30*	**04.	41**	.41**	.41**	[-1.86]	[701
	(-1.79)	(.55)	(1.64)	(1.72)	(1.66)	(1.65)		
T2	.29	.22	.17	.17	.18	.18	[ .52]	[ .24]
Performance								
Ratings	.18	*30*	19	.19	.19	.20	[04]	[ .61]
Promotability Ratings	. <b>Y</b> .15	***95	42**	43**	** 67	*****	[-1, 34]	[ 87 ]

the relationship for the additive model is higher than the multiplicative model. t.05 = 2.02. Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Ti and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02. t-values for a test of significant differences between the multiplicative and additive model are enclosed in brackets. A negative t-value indicates

 $\underline{n}$  = 42. \*Ability (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

\*p <.05.

\*\*P<.01.

\*\*\*p <.001.

Table 9, showing the relationship between performance criteria and combined effort-ability suggests the same possibility. However, t-tests for differences between the multiplicative and additive models were all nonsignificant as indicated by the t-values in brackets. These t-values indicate that there were no statistically significant differences between the models; however, of the eight possible comparisons each for instrumentality of pay, instrumentality of promotion and effort, 75%, 38%, and 50% of the respective t-values were in a direction suggesting a slight advantage for the additive model. This pattern is similar to the one found when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure.

Tables 10 and 11 provide information bearing directly on the relative contribution of motivation to ability in predicting performance Comparisons using t-tests for correlated measures were used to compare the relationship of performance and ability with performance and combined motivation-ability when the WESTB was used as the ability measure. A positive t-value indicates that the performance-combined motivation-ability relationship was higher than the corresponding performance-ability relationship. The most striking result from Tables 10 and 11 is that for the additive model, motivation significantly contributed to the prediction of performance for each fiscal period. For the multiplicative model, motivation did not significantly contribute to the prediction of performance. In fact, there is no significant difference between the performance-combined motivation-ability relationship and the performance-ability relationship when the multiplicative model is used.

Table 9

and Ability by Fiscal Periods: Comparing Multiplicative, Partial Relationship between Performance Criteria and Combined Effort Additive and Additive Models.

		Models		
	Multiplicative \[ \text{EI} \cdot \text{V} \] \. A^+	Part. Additive [(EI).V]+A	Add1t1ve [(EI)+V]+A	4
Sales Quota Ratio	.10	.23	.23	[72]
Т2	(-1.09)	.10	.11	[1.13]
Sales Volume Tl	* 500	* 98.	*98.	[05]
T2	.22	.30*	.31*	[52]
Incentive Payment	45.	* 11.	. 41**	[-1.01]
Т2	.32*	(1.65)	(1.57)	[ .74]
Performance Ratings	.31*	.20	.20	[ .63]
Promotability Ratings	* + + 6	* 44*	****	[ .33]

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.02. t-values for a test of significant differences between the multiplicative and additive model are enclosed in brackets. A negative t-value indicates the relationship for the additive model is higher than the multiplicative model.

 $\frac{n}{A}$  = 42. Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett. \*\*\*p <.001.

Table 10

Comparison of the Relationships between Ability and

Performance and Combined Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative and Additive Models) and Performance by Fiscal Period.

ditive EI)+V]+A
Prom
* 3.22**
8*** 6.73***
3.36**
2.08*
*** 6.29***
3.19**
3*** 5.65***
***
9 9

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is higher than the correst onding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values. t.05 = 2.01, t.01 = 2.69, t.001 = 3.48.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

<sup>\*</sup>p < .05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p < .01.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>p <.001.

Table 11

Comparison of the Relationships between Ability and

Performance and Combined Effort-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative and

Additive Models) and Performance by Fiscal Period.

	Mo	odels
	Multiplicative $\Sigma[(EI).V].A$	Additive $\Sigma[(EI)+V]+A^+$
Sales Quota Ratio		
Tl	39	3.22**
$\overline{\mathtt{T}2}$	1.80	8.33***
Sales Volume		
T1	.36	4.12***
Т2	29	2.08*
Incentive Payment		
Т1	47	6.29***
T2	1.16	3.88***
Performance Ratings	1.16	5.66***
Promotability Ratings	1.23	

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is higher than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values. t.05 = 2.01, t.01 = 2.69, t.001 = 3.48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

<sup>\*</sup>p < .05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p < .01.

<sup>\*\*\*&</sup>gt; 4.001.

A comparison of Tables 4 and 5 with Tables 8 and 9 suggests that the relationships b∈tween performance and combined motivation-ability were slightly higher when the WESTB was used as the ability measure rather than the Sales Selection Index, particularly when comparing the additive models. Tables 12 and 13 provide information bearing on this comparison. Comparisons using t-tests for correlated measures were used to compare the relationships resulting from combined motivation-WESTB. A negative t-value indicates that the relationships for combined motivation-SSI were higher than the corresponding relationships using the WESTB as the ability measure. Results indicate that the only significant difference, favoring the use of the WESTB, occurred when comparing the relationship involving instrumentality of promotion and promotability rating. The remaining t-values were nonsignificant, indicating that there was no particular advantage favoring either the SSI or the WESTB in conjunction with motivation regardless of whether the multiplicative or additive model was used.

Bennett as the ability measure, evidence indicates that in general, there were no significant differences between the relationships for different fiscal periods as was the case when the Siles Selection Index was used as the ability measure. The comparison of the relationships involving combined motivation-ability versus ability alone indicated that for the additive model only, the contribution of motivation in predicting performance criteria was highly significant. A comparison of the relationships involving the SSI versus the WESTB indicated

Table 12

Comparison of the Relationships of Performance Criteria

with Combined Instrumentality-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive

Models) Using the Wesman Total Plus Bennett or Sales

Selection Index as Ability by Fiscal Period.

	Mo	dels	
			izive )+V]+A
Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
-1.64	1.11	.49	.50
.14	.18	27	27
.41	1.12	.35	.35
.00	1.13	.45	.51
53	1.93	1.28	1.30
.00	.18	.05	.05
-1.24	1.13	61	62
ng13	2.45*	1.52	1.55
	[(EI)· Pay  -1.64 .14  .41 .00 53 .00 -1.24	Multiplicative [(EI)·V]·A Pay Prom  -1.64 1.11 .14 .18  .41 1.12 .00 1.13 53 1.93 .00 .18  -1.24 1.13	[(EI)·V]·A [(EI) Pay Prom Pay  -1.64 1.11 .49 .14 .1827  .41 1.12 .35 .00 1.13 .45 53 1.93 1.28 .00 .18 .05  -1.24 1.1361

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between performance and combined instrumentality-ability using the Sales Selection Index as ability is stronger than the corresponding relationship using the Wesman total plus Bennett as ability.

t.05 = 2.02.

<sup>\*</sup>p < .05.

Table 13

Comparison of the Relationships of Performance Criteria
With Combined Effort-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive
Models) Using the Wesman Total Plus Bennett or the Sales
Selection Index as Ability by Fiscal Period.

	Mod	els
	Multiplicative $\Sigma[(EI).V].A$	Additive $\Sigma[(EI)+V]+A$
Sales Quota Ratio		
Tl	13	.50
Т2	.41	27
Sales Volume		
Tl	.98	.35
Т2	.95	.51
Incentive Payment		
T1	.95	1.30
Т2	.42	05
Performance Rating	.14	62
Promotability Rating	1.52	1.50

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between performance and combined effort-ability using the Sales Selection Index as ability is stronger than the corresponding relationship using the Wesman total plus Bennett as ability. t.05 = 2.02.

no significant differences. These results taken as a whole seem confusing since no adequate explanation can be offered as to why motivation should significantly add to the prediction of performance when the WESTB was used as the ability measure and not add significantly when the SSI was used as the ability measure. It is possible that the SSI also contains a motivational component. The results also suggested that the combined additive model resulted in slightly higher correlations than the multiplicative model, although none of the comparisons were statistically significant.

### Relationships Involving Post-Survey Performance Criterion

Lawler (1968) maintained that job related attitudes (i.e., instrumentality statements) were a determinant of performance rather than a result of performance. This suggests that the relationships between combined motivation-ability and post-attitude performance should be greater than the relationships found for pre-attitude performance periods. Since the temporal lag between attitudes and resulting performance is largely unknown, it is difficult to specify whether the post-attitude performance relationships should be greater than those found with performance criteria concomitant with the attitudes. This study attempted to investigate this point by examining the relationships between combined motivation-ability and performance criteria (T3) for the fiscal period directly following the administration of the attitude survey.

Tables 14 presents the relationships between the ability measures and the post-survey performance criteria (T3). These relationships were used as the basis against which the relative

Table 14

Relationship Between Ability Measures and

Performance Criteria (T3)

	WESTBA	ss <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>
Sales Quota Ratio <sup>C</sup>	14	.25
Sales Volume <sup>C</sup>	.33*	.21
Incentive Payment C	.06	.16
Performance Ratings <sup>D</sup>	10	.25
Promotability Ratings <sup>D</sup>	.06	.37*

A Wesman total plus Bennett.

B Sales Selection Index.

 $C_{n} = 40.$ 

D = 56.

<sup>\*</sup> p< .05.

contribution of motivation in the prediction of performance was judged. The results indicate that with but two exceptions the ability measures were not strongly related to performance for this fiscal period. Also, when the results are compared with those found in Table 1, it appears that in general, the relationships are diminishing as the time between ability measurement and performance measurement increases.

The relationships between performance (T3) and instrumentality and effort are presented in Table 15. Inspection of the table reveals that only promotability ratings were significantly related to job related attitudes. In general, this same pattern was seen in Tables 2 and 3 for the previous performance criteria.

The relationship between combined motivation-ability and the post-survey performance criteria (T3) when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure is presented in Table 16. Inspection of the table reveals that promotability ratings were significantly related to combined motivation-ability. The relationships between sales quota ratio and multiplicative effort was also significant. A t-test for correlated measures was performed to test for differences between the multiplicative and additive models. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship for the additive model was higher than the corresponding relationship for the multiplicative model. The t-values found in the right hand column of Table 16 indicate that there were no significant differences between the multiplicative and additive models. Of the five possible comparisons each for instrumentality of pay, instrumentality of promotions and effort, 40, 20, and 20 percent respectively were in favor of the additive combination of motivation and ability.

Table 15

Relationship Between Performance Criteria (T3)

and Motivation: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models

			Mode	ls		
		licative V] Prom	Effort <sup>A</sup>		itive ) + V] Prom	Effort <sup>B</sup>
Sales Quota Ratio	.14	.24	.24	.16	.21	.22
Sales Volume C	14	.18	.05	04	.17	.11
Incentive Payment C	.13	.20	.20	.23	.18	.23
Performance Ratings	.22	.17	.22	.26	.18	.24
Promotability Ratings	.31	.40*	.42*	.40*	.43*	.46*

A Effort =  $\mathcal{Z}[(EI) \cdot V]$ .

B Effort =  $\mathcal{Z}[(EI) + V]$ .

 $C_{\underline{n}} = 33.$ 

D  $\underline{n} = 28$ .

<sup>\*</sup> p<.05.

Table 16

Relationship between Performance Criteria (T3) and

Combined Motivation-Ability+: Comparing Multiplicative and

Additive Models.

			Mod	Models					
	Multipli	cative	Deferred	Additive	Additive (RI) + N	BefortB		t	
	Pay	Prom	A.	Pay	Prom	+ A	Pay	Prom	Effort
Sales Ouota Ratio C.									
	.24	.30	32*	.28	. 28	.28	21	.13	.26
Sales Volume C	09	.22	.10	.19	.20	.20	-1.40	.13	61
Incentive Payment	.18	.23	.25	.18	.18	.18	00.	.32	44.
Performance Ratings <sup>D</sup> .30	.30	.24	.31	.26	.26	.26	.18	11	. 28
Promotability Ratings	.40*	.45*	.49**	.37*	* 38*	*39*	.15	. 44	.62

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between the multiplicative and additive model appear in the right hand column. A negative t-value indicates the relationship for the additive model is higher than the multiplicative model.  $t_{\rm C}.05 = 2.042$ ,  $t_{\rm D}.05 = 2.048$ .

$$D_{n} = 28.$$

n = 38.

<sup>+</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05. \*\*p<.01.

Table 17 presents the t-values for comparing the relationship between ability alone and post-survey performance criteria (T3) with the relationship between combined motivation-ability and performance when the SSI was used as the ability measure. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The results indicate that there were no significant differences between the relationships. This pattern of results is contrary to those found in Tables 6 and 7 in which case motivation was found to contribute very little in the prediction of performance, regardless of whether a multiplicative or an add tive model was used.

Table 18 presents the results from a comparison of the relationships between combined motivation-ability and performance for each fiscal period. A negative t-value indicates that the post-survey performance relationships were higher than the corresponding relationships. Inspection of the table reveals two points. First, the relationships found with the post-survey performance criteria (T3) were generally stronger than the corresponding relationships found with the pre-survey performance criteria (T1), although most of the differences were nonsignificant. The pattern is less clear when comparing the post-survey relationships with the concomitant relationships. Second, when considering the sign and size of the t-values, it appears that the relationships involving the multiplicative model are more varied from fiscal period to fiscal period than the relationships involving the additive model.

Table 17

Comparison of the Relationships between Ability and

Performance (T3) and Combined Motivation-Ability<sup>+</sup>

(Multiplicative and Additive Models) and Performance (T3)

			Models	s		
	Multipl [(EI) Pay	icative V] A Prom	Effort A	Addi [(EI) Pay	tive + V] + A Prom	Effort + A
Sales Quota Ratio	05	.32	.44	1.39	1.39	1.39
Sales Volume	C -1.52	.06	66	90	45	45
Incentive Payment	.10	.44	.55	.89	.89	.89
Performance Rating	.26	06	.37	.44	.44	.44
Promotability Rating	.17	.54	.80	.00	.46	.93

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values.  $t_{\rm C}.05 = 2.025$ ,  $t_{\rm D}.05 = 2.042$ .

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{C}{n} = 41.$ 

 $<sup>^{</sup>D} \underline{n} = 39.$ 

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index.

Table 18

Comparison of the Relationships between Combined

Motivation-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative and Additive Models)

and Performance for Each Fiscal Period

			Mode	ls		
		licative · V] · A			tive + V] + A	Effort
	Pay	Prom	Effort .			+ A
Sales Quota Ratio A						
T1 v T3	3 -1.28	52	99	70	65	65
т2 7 т3	35	.51	.18	.55	.55	.51
Sales Volume	A					
т1 ⊽ т3	2.17*	.00	1.15	.65	.58	.65
т2 ⊽ т3	3 -2.29*	20	-1.00	60	40	40
Incentive <sub>A</sub> Payments		- Andrew				
T1 v T3	63	17	47	.06	.06	.06
т2 ⊽ т3	58	.10	21	.05	.05	.00
Performance Rating						
T1 v T3	17	.00	06	.22	.28	.28
Promotabilit Rating	У					
T1 v T3	-1.34	.00	60	-1.16	-1.11	-1.12

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between combined motivation-ability and performance (T3) was higher than the corresponding relationship.  $t_A.05 = 2.021$ ,  $t_B.05 = 2.045$ .

 $<sup>\</sup>begin{array}{ccc}
A & \underline{n} &= 41. \\
B & \underline{n} &= 32.
\end{array}$ 

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Sales Selection Index. \*p < .05.

To summarize the results involving the post-survey performance data and the Sales Selection Index in combination with motivation, results indicate that the relationships involving the post-survey performance criteria were slightly stronger than the relationships involving the pre-survey performance criteria, although most of the differences were nonsignificant. As was seen in Tables 4 and 5, there were no significant differences between the multiplicative and additive models, but contrary to the results obtained in Tables 6 and 7, there was no clear advantage for either ability alone or combined motivation—ability in the prediction of performance regardless of whether a multiplicative or additive model was considered. The results from Table 18 suggest that the relationships between combined motivation—ability and performance was more stable when the additive model was considered.

Table 19 presents the relationship between post-survey performance criteria (T3) and combined motivation-ability when the Wesman total plus Bennett was used as the ability measure. As was seen when the SSI was used, the results are generally non-significant, with two exceptions. A multiplicative combination of motivation and ability was significantly related to promotability ratings, and the additive combination was significantly related to sales volume. A test for significant differences between the multiplicative and additive models are indicated by the t-values in the right hand column of Table 19. Only the relationships involving the promotability rating were significantly different, favoring the multiplicative model. Of the 5 possible comparisons each for instrumentality of pay, instrumentality of

Table 19

Relationship Between Performance Criteria (T3) and Combined Motivation-Ability +:

Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models

Sales Quota Ratio C .07 .16 .15121111  Incentive Pay Prom .16 .15121111  Incentive Payment .11 .16 .17 .07 .07 .08  Performance Rating .22 .19 .24121110			Moc	Models					
.07 06 .11	Mu	lica V	Effort	Additive [(EI) + V]	tive Vl + A	Effort		t	
.07 .16 .15 - 06 .30 .18 .11 .16 .17 .22 .19 .24 -	Pay		A.	Pay	Prom	+ A	Pay	Prom	Effort
06 .30 .18 .11 .16 .17 .22 .24	O		.15	12	1111	11	.82	1.54	1.38
.11 .16 .17	O .		.18	.32*	.33*	.33* .33* -1.72	-1.72	18	- 83
.22 .19 .24	1.	.16		07	.07	.08	.17	.50	.47
				12	1110	10	1.33	1.52	1.63
Promotability Rating <sup>D</sup> .33 .42* .47*	lity Rating <sup>D</sup> .33		* 47*	.03	.04	.05	1.20	2.07*	2.19*

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between the multiplicative and additive model appear in the right-hand column. A negative t-value indicates the relationship for additive model is higher than the multiplicative model.  $t_{\rm C}$ .05 = 2.042,  $t_{\rm D}$ .05 = 2.048.

A DEECONT= 2[(PI) . V] . A.

B Effort=  $\sum [(EI) + V] + A$ .

n = 38.

 $D_{n} = 28.$ 

+Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

\*p <.05.

promotions and effort, only 20, 20, and 20 percent respectively were in a direction favoring the additive model. Table 20 presents the t-values for examining the relative contribution of motivation above ability in the prediction of performance. With the exception of the relationships between a multiplicative combination of motivation and ability and promotability ratings, which favored the combined model, there were no significant differences between the relationships involving ability alone versus combined motivation-ability.

Table 21 presents the t-values obtained in comparing the relationships between combined motivation-ability and performance criteria for each fiscal period when the Wesman total plus Bennett was used as the ability measure. Two points should be noted. First, the results involving the multiplicative model were quite varied over fiscal periods suggesting that the relationship between performance and the multiplicative model was unstable. Second, only in the case of the additive model, were some of the comparisons found to be significant, revealing that the relationship between an additive combination of motivation and ability and post-survey performance criteria (T3) was substantially less than the relationships involving the pre-survey performance data (T1).

In summary, the results involving the WESTB and the postsurvey performance criteria suggest that combined motivationability was rather weakly related to performance regardless of whether motivation and ability were combined multiplicatively or additively. Results from a comparison of the relationships involving the WESTB alone versus combined motivation-ability suggest

Table 20

Comparison of the Relationships between Ability and

Performance (T3) and Combined Motivation-Ability<sup>+</sup>

(Multiplicative and Additive Models) and Performance (T3)

			Mod	els	***	
	Mult: [(EI) Pay	iplicative ) V] A Prom	Effort <sup>A</sup> .	((FT)	itive + V] + A Prom	Effort + A
Salar Oueta						-
Sales Quota Ratio	.92	1.71	1.51	.89	1.35	1.35
Sales Volume	C					
	-1.79	18	81	46	.00	.00
Incentive C Payments	.22	.56	.57	.44	. 44	.88
Performance Rating	1.39	1.61	1.75	86	43	.00
Promotability Rating	1.21	2.14*	2.30*	-1.30	86	43

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between ability and performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between the combined model and performance. The opposite is true for positive t-values.  $t_{\rm C}.05 = 2.025$ ,  $t_{\rm D}.05 = 2.042$ .

$$C_{n} = 41.$$

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{D}{n} = 39$ .

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05.

Table 21

Comparison of the Relationships between Combined

Motivation-Ability<sup>†</sup> (Multiplicative and Additive Models) and

Performance for Each Fiscal Period

				Model	ls		
	•	Multipl [(EI) ^ Pay	icative V) A Prom	Effort <sup>A</sup> . A	Addit [(EI) + Pay	ive V] + A Prom	Effort + A
Sales A	uota '						
Т1	v T3	-1.04	.42	23	.46	.55	.55
Т2	⊽ т3	-1.09	12	68	87	83	8
Sales Vo	olume '	A					
Tl	¯ т3	1.35	13	1.12	.20	.14	. 20
т2	<del>v</del> т3	-1.16	.21	80	.41	.41	.43
Incentiv	YE A						
Tl	⊽ T3	45	.83	.41	2.11*	2.11*	2.09
Т2	v T3	94	31	-,79	56	56	5
Performa Rating	ance	· in notes					÷
Т1	⊽ <b>т</b> 3	22	.61	.39	.37	.48	. 5
Promotal Rating	bility						
т1	₹ T3	98	.89	.13	2.25*	2.33*	2.2

Note. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship between combined motivation-ability and performance (T3) was higher than the corresponding relationship.  $t_A.05 = 2.021$ ,  $t_B.05 = 2.045$ .

 $<sup>^{</sup>A}$  n = 41.

 $B_{n} = 32.$ 

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure (A) is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

that there was no clear advantage for either ability or combined motivation-ability in the prediction of performance, again, regardless of whether a multiplicative or additive model was considered. The relatively weak relationships between combined motivation-ability and post-survey performance criteria can in part be explained by the weakening relationship between ability and performance over fiscal periods. The results may also be a ramification of the possibility that the time lag between attitude measurement and performance measurement exceeded the time span for the influence of job related attitudes on work performance.

### Relationship Between Performance and Satisfaction

Porter and Lawler (1968) suggested that satisfaction should be indirectly related to performance through the influence of instrumentality. That is, the experienced relationship between performance and the attainment of an outcome plus the actual satisfaction with the outcome influences the individual's perceived expectancy and valence for that outcome. Therefore, combined instrumentality-ability and combined effort-ability should be related to satisfaction. It should be noted, however, that this theory postulates that satisfaction at time 1 influences motivation and performance at time 2 (Wanous, 1974; Lawler & Porter, 1967b).

Table 22 shows the relationship between performance criteria and job related satisfaction (measured by the JDI) and personal life satisfaction by fiscal periods. In general, the results are small and insignificant particularly for subjective ratings, suggesting that performance and satisfaction are unrelated—a

Table 22

Relationship between Performance Criteria and Satisfaction

			by	by Fiscal Periods	riods.		Perse	Personal Life	
			JDI Scales	les				Items	
	Work	Super.	Accounts & Prospects	& s Pay	Promotions	Life	Ноше	Job	Time
	12	-02	40.	25		.04		.15	
T	.05)	(05) (-1.61)	(1.58)	(-2.29)*	( <u>-</u> ]	(.80)	(.11)	(2.75) **	(1.63)
	.13	.31	77	. 10	07.	;		•	
	.32*	.31*	11	02	.01	.07	.15	15	.23
7	(1.36)	(.75)	(-1.78)	(1.40)	(-1.63)	(2.02)	(1.09)	(29)	(.29)
	• 14	17.	.13	17	67.	07:-		:	÷
	,	;	Č	o d	C	5	20	90	ō
T	.50)	(50) (-1.11)	(49)	(-1.34)	(-1.72)	(1.12)	(.84)	(2.34)*	(-2.03)*
	.25	.36*	02	.11	.21	12	05	37*	60
				(	Č		C	5	u C
	. 28	.26	•0.	90	60.	00.	60.	<b>.</b>	
Promotability	10	03	16	16	28	.15	.07	60	.21
	1								

Note. t-values for a test of significant differences between Tl and T2 are enclosed in parentheses. t.05 = 2.01, t.01 = 2.68. A negative t-value indicates that the relationship for T2 is higher than the corresponding relationship for Tl. The opposite is true for a positive t-value. \*P<.05.

common finding in the literature (cf. Brayfield & Crockett, 1955; Vroom, 1964). The exceptions to this point occurred during the first fiscal period in which case sales volume was significantly related to satisfaction with work and satisfaction with supervisors (r = .32 and r = .31, respectively). During the fiscal period concomitant with the attitude survey, sales quota ratio and incentive payments were significantly related to satisfaction with supervisors (r = .31 and r = .36, respectively) and satisfaction with the job (r = -.33 and r = -.37, respectively). The negative relationships for the personal life satisfaction items indicate that satisfaction increases monotonically with performance since the personal life items were scored reflectively. That is, a low score indicated greater satisfaction on the personal life items. A test for differences in the relationships between fiscal periods as shown by t-values in parentheses indicate that in general there were few significant differences. There was a significant difference between fiscal periods for the relationships between satisfaction with job and sales quota ratio and incentive payment. This suggests that, at least for sales quota ratio and incentive payment, the relationship between satisfaction and performance may be in part contingent upon the time lag between performance and satisfaction measures. Although the differences between fiscal periods were nonsignificant for satisfaction with supervision, the t-values suggest the same type of time contingent relationship between performance and satisfaction. Although these results do not

constitute a proof, they are consistent with Lawler and Porter's (1967b) postulation that performance at time 1 causes satisfaction at time 1. The results in Table 23 are also consistent with this point. Inspection of the table indicates that the relationships between post-survey performance data (T3) and satisfaction were generally nonsignificant.

## Relationship Between Ability and Satisfaction

Table 24 shows the relationship between the ability measures and job related satisfaction and personal life satisfaction. The correlations are generally low and nonsignificant, except for the relationship between the Sales Selection Index and satisfaction with home ( $\underline{r}=-.39$ ) and the relationship between satisfaction with supervision and the WESTB ( $\underline{r}=.33$ ).

# Relationship Between Combined Motivation-Ability and Satisfaction

The relationships between combined motivation-ability and satisfaction when the SSI was used as the ability measures are presented in Tables 25 and 26. Inspection of the tables reveals that the only significant relationship was between the additive model and satisfaction with home. It should be noted that this is the same significant relationship that was found for the Sales Selection Index alone.

Tables 27 and 28 show similar relationships when the WESTB was used as the ability measure. Again, the only significant relationship was between the additive model and satisfaction with supervision; the same significant relationship found with the WESTB alone.

Table 23

Relationship Between Performance Criteria (T3) and Satisfaction

		ני	JDI Scales	S		Pe	ersonal I	Personal Life Items	
			Accounts						
	WOLK	supervision	& Prospects	s Pay	Fromption	Life	Home	Job	Time
Sales Quota Ratio									
	04	12	.07	10	15	.26	30	.19	.02
Sales Volume	.13	.18	14	-,20	. 20	٦٢ -	03	07	25
Incentive Payment	.11	.10	.17	- 08	.04	.17	60	07	.07
Performance Rating	.20	.20	04	13	.17	39*	42*	10	.18
Promotability Rating	60.	02	17	18	10	12	32	13	.32

 $\underline{n} = 38.$ 

\* p< .05.

Table 24

Relationship between Satisfaction and Ability Measures.

	Abili	ity Measures
	SSI $(N = 41)$	WESTB $(N = 42)$
Work <sup>A</sup>	.04	06
Supervision <sup>A</sup>	.15	.33*
Accounts and ProspectsA	.04	.04
PayA	18	23
Promotions <sup>A</sup>	02	18
Life <sup>B</sup>	21	09
Home <sup>B</sup>	39**	.11
Job <sup>B</sup>	18	-,17
Time <sup>B</sup>	.02	.12

A<sub>Job Descriptive Index Scales.</sub>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>Personal Life Satisfaction Items.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measures are the Sales Selection Index (SSI) and the Wesman total plus Bennett (WESTB)

<sup>\*</sup>p 4.05.

<sup>\*\*</sup>p < .01.

Table 25

Relationship between Satisfaction and Combined

Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup>: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

	Multip	licative	Models Additiv	e
		) · V] · A	[(EI)+V]	
	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Work <sup>A</sup>	.23	.17	.05	.05
Supervision <sup>A</sup>	.03	.04	.15	.15
Accounts and ProspectsA	03	03	.04	.04
$Pay^{A}$	.14	04	17	.17
Promotions <sup>A</sup>	.12	.05	02	02
Life <sup>B</sup>	03	.14	21	20
Home <sup>B</sup>	02	27	38*	39*
Job <sup>B</sup>	13	.00	18	18
Time <sup>B</sup>	01	.12	.02	.02

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{n} = 41$ 

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{A}}\mathrm{Job}$  Descriptive Index Scales.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{B}}$ Personal Life Satisfaction Items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p <.01.

Table 26

Relationship between Satisfaction and Combined

Effort-Ability<sup>+</sup>: Comparing Multiplicative and

Additive Models.

		Models
	Multiplicative $\Sigma[(EI).V].A^+$	Additive Σ[(EI)+V]+A <sup>+</sup>
Work <sup>A</sup>	. 24	.06
Supervision <sup>A</sup>	.04	.15
Accounts and Prospects <sup>A</sup>	04	.05
Pay <sup>A</sup>	.04	17
Promotions <sup>A</sup>	.09	01
Life <sup>B</sup>	.08	19
Home <sup>B</sup>	20	38*
Job <sup>B</sup>	07	18
Time <sup>B</sup>	.08	.02

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{n} = 41$ 

A<sub>Job Descriptive Index Scales.</sub>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>Personal Life Satisfaction Item.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

<sup>\*</sup>p <.05.

Table 27

Relationship between Satisfaction and Combined

Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup>: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

			Mode	els	
	Multipli [(EI)			Addit [(EI)+	
	Pay	Prom		Pay	Prom
Work <sup>A</sup>	.24	.16		06	05
$Supervision^{A}$	.13	.11		.33*	.33*
Accounts and Prospects <sup>A</sup>	.00	03		.04	.04
Pay <sup>A</sup>	.22	02		23	23
Promotions <sup>A</sup>	.16	.00		17	17
Life <sup>B</sup>	.05	.15		08	08
Home <sup>B</sup>	.23	16		.11	.09
$Job^B$	23	.03		18	17
$Time^{B}$	02	.17		.12	.12

n = 42

A Job Descriptive Index Scales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>Personal Life Satisfaction Items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

<sup>\*</sup>p <.05.

Table 28

Relationship between Satisfaction and Combined Effort-Ability<sup>+</sup>

Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

		Models
	Multiplicative $\Sigma[(EI).V].A^+$	Additive $\Sigma[(EI)+V]+A^{+}$
Work <sup>A</sup>	.24	04
Supervision <sup>A</sup>	.14	.33
Accounts and ProspectsA	02	.05
$Pay^{A}$	.10	23
Promotions <sup>A</sup>	.09	17
Life <sup>B</sup>	.14	07
Home <sup>B</sup>	.00	.10
Job <sup>B</sup>	10	18
Time <sup>B</sup>	.11	.12

n = 42

A Job Descriptive Index Scales.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{B}}$ Personal Life Satisfaction Item.

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

In summary, the results involving job related satisfaction and personal life satisfaction are rather discouraging. The results indicate that satisfaction is generally unrelated to combined motivation and ability, regardless of whether motivation and ability are combined multiplicatively or additively. Furthermore, combining motivation with ability did not contribute to the prediction of satisfaction beyond ability measures alone. This should not be too surprising, however, since the theory postulates that prior satisfaction influences current motivation. This causal relationship has partial support by Oliver (1977) who found support for a path model, based on Lawler's (1971) theory of pay perception, which suggested that the valence of pay was a negative function of pay satisfaction and that instrumentality of pay was a positive function of valence of pay. In the present study, in which satisfaction and motivation variables were measured concurrently, valence of pay and valence of promotions were marginally related respectively to pay and motivation satisfaction in the expected direction (r=.26, p < .10;r= .28, p < .07). In addition, contrary to the results obtained by Oliver, instrumentality of pay and instrumentality of promotions were significantly related, respectively, to pay and promotion satisfaction (r=.32, p<.05; r=.51, p<.001).

Instrumentality theory also suggests that performance at time 1 should be related to satisfaction at time 1. The results involving the relationship between satisfaction and performance by fiscal period are generally consistent with this suggestion.

# Influence of Job Tenure on Instrumentality and Performance

In an attempt to investigate the influence of job tenure on instrumentality and on the relationship between instrumentality and performance, a small group of salesmen (N = 14) who had been with the company for only 6 months (short tenure group) was compared with a sample of salesmen (N = 14) who were randomly selected from the main sample of salesmen who had at least 12 months tenure prior to the fiscal period during which the attitude survey was administered (long tenure group). Table 29 reports a comparison of the two groups on the means for expectancy, valence and the two ability measures. Inspection of the table reveals that the two groups differ significantly on expectancy for pay and expectancy for promotions. In each case, the short tenure group held a higher expectancy that personal job effort was reflected in incentive payments and future promotions. There was no significant difference in how the two groups valued pay and promotions or in their ability levels. This suggests that experience on the job influences an individual's job related expectancies. Tables 30 and 31 compare the two groups on combined instrumentality-ability and combined effort-ability when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure. The two groups were significantly different only on the multiplicative instrumentality of pay, suggesting that the short tenure group was more motivated to perform to obtain pay even though they did not value pay any more than the long tenure group. It should be noted that the significant difference between the two groups on combined instrumentality-ability is in part a reflection of the fact that the nearly significant difference between the groups on

Table 29

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure Groups

on Expectancy, Valence and Ability.

		Long			Short			
	$\overline{\overline{X}}$	(S.D.)	N	X	(S.D.)	N	t	P
. (5-1)				de la				
Expectancy (EI)								
Pay	.37	(.25)	13	.79	(.18)	13	-4.98	.000
Prom	.60	(.30)	13	.86	(.11)	13	-2.87	.008
Valence (V)								
Pay	.90	(.16)	13	.77	(.37)	13	1.147	.263
Prom	.72	(.33)	13		(.55)		.43	
Ability (A)								
WESTBA	48.32	(9.0)	14	45.42	(13.9)	13	.65	.521
		(10.8)			(6.4)			.067

A Wesman total plus Bennett.

B Sales Selection Index.

Table 30

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure Groups
on Combined Instrumentality-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Models).

	L <u>o</u> ng X	( <u>N</u> =13) (S.D.)	Sh <u>o</u> rt X	$(\underline{N}=12)$ (S.D.)	t	P
Multiplicative [(EI) ·V] ·A	Model					
Pay	17.52	(12.6)	33.84	(20.0)	-2.49	.020
Prom	23.30	(18.0)	30.88	(29.7)	79	.439
Additive Model [(EI)+V]+A						
Pay	54.48	(10.3)	59.71	(6.5)	-1.55	.134
Prom	54.54	(10.3)	59.64	(6.6)	-1.51	.145

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

Table 31

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure Groups

on Combined Effort-Ability+ (Multiplicative and Additive Models).

	$\frac{\text{Long }(\underline{N} = 13)}{\overline{X} (S \cdot D.)}$	Short $(\underline{N} = 12)$ $\overline{X}$ $(S.D.)$	t	P
Multiplicative Model Σ[(EI)·V]·A+	40.81 (25.0)	64.72 (37.5)	-1.91	.068
Additive Model Σ[(EI)+V]+A	55.80 (10.3)	61.21 (6.6)	-1.60	.123

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

the Sales Selection Index interacts with the significantly different expectancy for pay.

A comparison of the two groups on combined instrumentality-ability and combined effort-ability when the WESTB was used is reported in Tables 32 and 33. Inspection of the tables reveals that there were no significant differences between the groups, although the difference for the multiplicative instrumentality of pay approaches significance. Table 34 indicates that there were no significant differences between the two groups on objective performance data (T2).

The relationships between ability measures and 1975 performance criteria (T2) are reported in Table 35 for each group. Inspection of the table reveals that the correlations are generally nonsignificant except for the relationship between WESTB and sales volume in the short tenure group ( $\underline{r} = -.63$ ). Of interest, is the fact that the correlations involving the SSI reverse signs depending on the tenure group. For the short tenure group the SSI, the organization's selection instrument, is negatively related to performance while being positively related to performance in the long tenure group. The WESTB is negatively related to performance in both groups. Tests for differences in the relationships between groups were performed using independent sample Z tests (Ferguson, 1976). The Z-values in the far right columns of Table 35 indicate that none of the differences were significant.

The relationships for each group between 1975 performance criteria (T2) and combined instrumentality-ability and effort-

Table 32

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure Groups on Combined Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative and Additive Models).

	Long $\overline{X}$ (	$(\underline{N} = 13)$ S.D.)	Short X (S	$(\underline{N} = 12)$ $5.D.)$	t	Р
Multiplicative Model						
Pay	14.60	(9.2)	24.90	(19.1)	-1.74	.094
Prom	19.43	(13.5)	26.24	(19.6)	-1.02	.318
Additive Model [(EI)+V]+A+						
Pay	48.34	(7.8)	47.64	(14.2)	.15	.879
Prom	48.39	(7.7)	47.57	(14.5)	.18	.860

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

Table 33

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure

Groups on Combined Effort-Ability+ (Multiplicative and Additive Models).

1.13 (32.4)	-1.68	
1113 (3211)	-1.00	.106
9.10 (14.5)	.12	.904
9	.10 (14.5)	.10 (14.5) .12

<sup>\*</sup>Ability measure is Wesman total plus Bennett.

Table 34

Comparison of Means for Short and Long Tenure Groups
on 1975 Performance Criteria (T2).

		$(\underline{N} = 14)$		$(\underline{N} = 14)$		
	X	(S.D.)	X	(S.D.)	t	Р
Sales Quot						
Ratio	1.07	(.17)	1.04	(.16)	.47	.640
Sales	20051 14	(6042.0)	20722 64	(6001 5)	2.0	
Volume	30051.14	(6943.0)	30730.64	(6091.5)	28	.785
Incentive						
Payment	1783.07	(1415.7)	1330.57	(870.7)	1.02	.318
raymene	1703.07	(1113.77	1330.37	(0,0.,,	1.02	.510

Note. Comparisons based on raw score performance data.

Table 35

Relationship between Ability Measures and 1975 Performance Criteria (T2) by Short and Long Tenure

Groups.

	Long Tenur	Tenure (N=14)	Short Ten	Short Tenure (N=14)	SS	Z WESTB
Sales Quota Ratio	.20	42	07	80	.64	86
Sales Volume	.35	25	24	63*	1.43	1.14
Incentive Payment	.27	43	27	17	1.30	68

A test for differences in the relationship between groups is indicated Relationships by the Z-values in the far right column. Z.05 = 1.96, Z.01 = 2.58. involved raw score performance data. Note.

\*p <.05.

ability when the Sales Selection Index was used as the ability measure are presented in Tables 36 and 37. The relationships between multiplicative instrumentality of pay and sales quota ratio and incentive payments are the only significant correlations and only for the short tenure group. The Z-values in the far right columns of Table 36 indicate that only for these relationships are the groups significantly different. The Z-values comparing the two groups on the multiplicative model are consistently larger than the corresponding Z-values for the additive model, suggesting that the multiplicative combination of motivation and the SSI is more reflective of the influence of job tenure than the additive model. The same pattern of results is seen when the Z-values in Table 37 are inspected. As a whole, these results seem to indicate that job tenure effects the relationship between combined motivation-ability when the SSI is used as the ability measure, particularly for the multiplicate model. Unfortunately, motivation is negatively related to performance for the group which had the significantly higher motivation for pay.

Tables 38 and 39 present the t-tests comparing the relationship between combined instrumentality-ability and effortability and performance to the relationships involving the SSI alone. An "m" in parentheses indicates that the relationship between the model and performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between ability and performance.

An "A" indicates the ability-performance relationship is stronger. An inspection of Table 38 reveals that none of the comparisons were significant. However, the sign and size of the t-values

# Table 36

Relationship between 1975 Performance Criteria (T2) and Combined Instrumentality-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Model) by

12	The second secon											
E	Long Tenure (N=	enure	(N=13)		Shor	Short Tenure (N=13)	e (N=13			2		
	Multiplicative	tive	Additive		Multiplicative	icative	Additive	ve	Multiplicative Additive	ative	Addit	ve
	[(EI)·V]·A	. A	[(EI)+V]+A	1]+A	1	[(EI)·V]·A	[(EI)+	(EI)+V]+A	EI)	·A	[(EI)+V]+A	1]+A
P	Pay	Prom Pay		Prom Pay	X	Prom Pay Prom Pay	Pay	Prom		Prom Pay	Рау	Prom
Sales Quota Ratio	.30	.44	.13	.15	.1558*	0711	11	60	09 2.17*	1.21	1.21 .54	.54
Sales		.27	.28	29	.2932	4629	29	31	31 1.46	1.73	1.73 1.31 1.38	1.38
ive	44	14.	.20	.22	.2272**1531	. 15	31	28	28 3.09**	1.31	1.31 1.17 1.14	1.14

Relationships involve raw score A test for differences in the relationships between groups is indicated by the Z.05 = 1.96, Z.01 = 2.58. Z-values in the far right column. performance data. Note.

+Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

\*p <.05.

\*\*p<.01.

Table 37

Combined Effort-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Model) by Relationship between 1975 Performance Criteria (T2) and

	Long Tenure	(N=13)	Short Tenure (N=13)	(N=13)	2	
	Multiplicative \[ \( \text{EI} \) \cdot \( \text{V} \) \.	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	Additive Multiplicative Additive Multiplicative Additive [(EI)+V]+A \(\Sigma[(EI)\cdot V]\cdot A\) \(\Sigma[(EI)\cdot V]\cdot A\)	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	Multiplicative Additive \(\Sigma[(EI) \cdot V] \cdot A\) \(\Sigma[(EI) + V] \cdot V \)	Additive [[(EI)+V]+A
Sales Quota Ratio	.47	.16	36	12	1.98*	
Sales Volume	.35	.29	.53	.32	2.14*	1.41
Incentive	.52	. 23	.50	32	2 52*	1.27

A test for differences in the relationships between groups is indicated by the Z-values in the far right column. Z.05 = 1.96, Z.01 = 2.58. Relationships involve raw score performance data. Note.

+Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

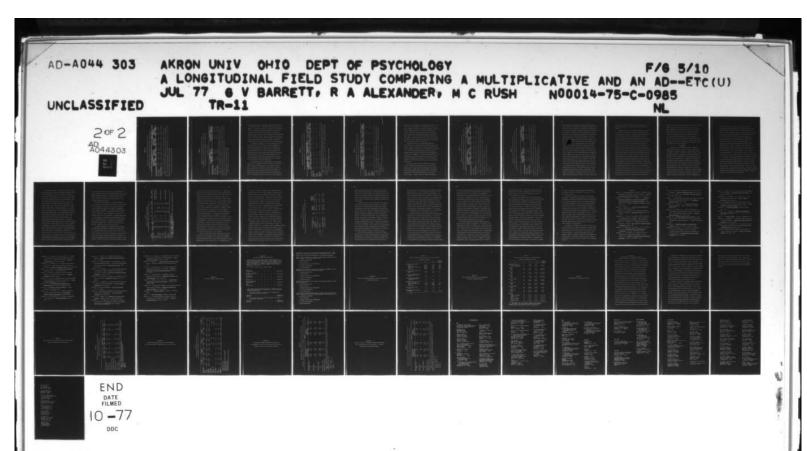


Table 38

Comparisons of the Relationship Between Ability and 1975

Performance (T2) and Combined Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative)

and Addit	and Additive Model	s) and 1	975 Perfor	cmance by	Short and	Long Ten	1s) and 1975 Performance by Short and Long Tenure Groups.	
		Long Tenure	nure			Sho	Short Tenure	
	Multiplio (FF) -V	icative	Additive [(ET)+V]+A	ve 1+A	Multiplicative (EI) · V] · A	cative	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	l ve 7]+A
	Pav	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota Ratio .26(m)	.26(m)	.66 (m)	-1.83(A)	-1.22(A)	.66(m) -1.83(A) -1.22(A) -1.46(m)	00.	94(m)45(m)	45(m)
Sales Volume	11(A)	21(A)	-1.93(A)	-1.58(A)	20 (m)	65 (m)	21(A) $-1.93(A)$ $-1.58(A)$ $20(m)$ $65(m)$ $-1.25(m)$ $-1.90(m)$	-1.90 (m)
Incentive Payment .48(m)	.48(m)	.38(m)	.38(m) -1.87(A) -1.24(A) -1.59(m)	-1.24(A)	-1.59 (m)	.32(A)	98(m)23(m)	23 (m)

t.05 = 2.23, t.01 = 3.17. Performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between ability and performance. An "m" in parentheses indicates that the relationship between the model and An "a" indicates the ability-performance relationship is stronger. Comparisons are based on raw score performance data. Note.

+ Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

Table 39

1975 Performance (T2) and Combined Effort-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative and Additive Models) and 1975 Performance (T2) by Short and Comparisons of the Relationships between Ability and

Long Tenure Groups.

	Long Tenure	nure	Short Tenure	nure
	Multiplicative Additive Ef(EI) · V ] · A E(EI) + V ] + A	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	Multiplicative Additive \[\Sigma[(EI) \cdot v] \cdot A\] \tag{(EI) +V} +A	Additive \(\subseteq \text{[EI]+V}\)+A
Sales Quota Ratio	(m) CC.	95 (A)	80 (m)	-1.20 (m)
Sales Volume	00.	-1.58 (A)	(m) 68	-2.31 (m)
Incentive Payment	.75 (m)	97 (A)	(m) 69	-1.26 (m)

t.05 = 2.23, t.01 = 3.17. performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between ability and performance. An "m" in parentheses indicates that the relationship between the model and An "A" indicates the ability-performance relationship is stronger. Comparisons are based on raw score performance data.

+ Ability measure is the Sales Selection Index.

on the additive model. In the short tenure group, motivation appears to contribute slightly in the prediction of performance. In the long tenure group motivation apparently contributes nothing in the prediction of performance. This pattern is somewhat similar to that seen when considering the multiplicative model, although not quite as clearly. The t-values in Table 39 conform to the same pattern, with the comparison involving the additive model and sales volume significantly favoring the combined effort-ability relationship for the short tenure group.

In summary, the comparison of tenure groups when the SSI was used suggests that there were significant differences between groups only for the multiplicative instrumentality of pay and the multiplicative model of effort relationships. Also, the results from the t-tests, although generally not statistically significant, suggest that motivation contributes something beyond the SSI in predicting performance for the short tenure group. As noted previously, however, the relationship between combined motivation-ability and performance (T2) is negative in the short tenure group.

The relationships for each group between 1975 performance criteria (T2) and combined instrumentality-ability and effortability, when the WESTB was used, are presented in Tables 40 and 41. Significant relationships occur only for the short tenure group, particularly those involving sales volume. Inspection of the Z-values indicates that the two groups are significantly different when the multiplicative effort-ability model is considered and nearly significantly different when the

Table 40

Relationship Between 1975 Performance Criteria (T2) and

Combined Instrumentality-Ability+ (Multiplicative and Additive Model) by

	Long	Tenure	Long Tenure (N=13)	ort ar	Short and Long Tenure Groups. [13] Short Tenure (N=1)	ng Tenure Groups. Short Tenure (N=13)	coups.			2		
	Multiplicative	cative	Addi	Additive	Multipl	Multiplicative Additive	Addit		Multiplicative Additive	cative	Addit	ive
	[(EI)·V]·A	V] . A	(EI)	(EI)+V]+A		.V].A	[(EI)+/	V]+A	$[(EI)\cdot V]\cdot A$ $[(EI)+V]+A$ $[(EI)\cdot V]\cdot A$ $[(EI)+V]+A$	/]·A	(EI)+	V] +A
	Pay	E	Pay	Prom Pay	1.0	Prom	Pay	Prom Pay	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota												
Ratio	.25	.41	.4138	3554	54	90	10	<b>90.</b>	061008 1.92 1.1167	1.11	67	64
Sales					,	Š	4	(	,	5	,	1 23
Volume	.22	.19	.1913	-:1350	50	- 58*	63*	79	58*63*62* 1./3 1.91 1.3/	1.41	1.37	1.33
Incentive												
Payment	.32	.31	.3136	35	3568**	19	1920	13	18 2.60** 1.1539	1.15	- 39	41

Relationships involve raw score A test for differences in the relationships between groups is indicated by the Z.05 = 1.96, Z.01 = 2.58.2-values in the far right column. performance data. Note.

+ ability measure is the Wesman plus Bennett.

\* 2 < .05.

\*\* p < .01.

Table 41

Relationship Between 1975 Performance Criteria (T2) and

Combined Effort-Ability (Multiplicative and Additive Model) by

		Short an	Short and Long Tenure Groups.	roups.		
	Long Tenure	(N=13)	Short Tenure (N=13)	(N=13)	2	
	Multiplicative $\Sigma[(EI) \cdot v] \cdot A$	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	5.	Additive \(\(\text{EI}\) + \(\text{V}\] + A	ultiplicative Additive Multiplicative Additive $\Sigma[(EI) \cdot V] \cdot A$ $\Sigma[(EI) + V] + A$ $\Sigma[(EI) \cdot V] \cdot A$	Additive [(EI)+V]+A
Sales Quota		•			)	
Ratio	.47	35	36	10	1.98*	. 69.
Sales						
Volume	.27	12	1.65*	63*	2.35*	1.39
Incentive						
Payment	.43.	35	52	10	2.32*	-36.

A test for differences in the relationships between groups is indicated by the Relationships involve raw Z.05 = 1.96, Z.01 = 2.58. Z-values in the far right column. score performance data. Note.

+ Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

\* p < .05.

multiplicative instrumentality of pay model is considered. The Z-value for the multiplicative instrumentality of pay and incentive payment relationship is highly significant. In general, the relationships involving the multiplicative model are stronger in the short tenure group than in the long tenure group, although the relationships are negative in the short tenure group. These results again suggest that higher motivation results in lower performance for the short tenure group; and that job tenure influences an individual's job motivation when a multiplicative model is considered.

Comparisons of the relationship between WESTB and performance with the relationship between combined motivationability as shown in Tables 42 and 43 indicate that motivation did not contribute significantly to the prediction of performance in any of the relationships regardless of tenure group or whether motivation and ability were combined multiplicatively or additively. Although the t-values are nonsignificant, it is interesting to note that in the long tenure group motivation consistently contributes slightly to the prediction of performance in the multiplicative model but not so for the short tenure group.

The set of results involving the WESTB are paradoxical in that the tenure groups were generally not significantly different except when considering the multiplicative effortability model; in which case the relationships for the short tenure group appeared slightly stronger. This is similar to the pattern of results seen when the SSI was used as the ability measure. However, unlike the results obtained when

Table 42

Comparison of the Relationships Between Ability and

and Additive Models) and 1975 Performance (T2) by Short and Long Tenure Groups 1975 Performance (T2) and Combined Instrumentality-Ability<sup>+</sup> (Multiplicative

		Long Tenure	nure			Shor	Short Tenure	
	Multiplic [(EI) ·V]	cative	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	ive V]+A	Multiplicative [(EI).V].A	icative V].A	Additive [(EI)+V]+A	.ve 7]+A
	Pay	Prom	Pay.	Prom	Pay	Prom	Pay	Prom
Sales Quota Ratio 1.50(m)	1.50(m)	1.92 (m)	1.03(A)	1.92 (m) 1.03 (A) 2.01 (A) -1.53 (m)	-1.53 (m)	(A) 60°.	45(m)	00.
Sales Volume	(m) 86.	.91(m)	5.44(A)*	.91(m) 5.44(A) **5.44(A) ** .50(A)	. 50 (A)	.32(A)	00.	.29(A)
Incentive Payment 1.71(m)	1.71(m)	1.66 (m)	2.02(A).*	1.66(m) 2.02(A)* 2.46(A)* -1.94(m)09(m)	-1.94(m)	(m) 60°-	70(m)23(m	23 (m)

t.05 = 2.23, t.01 = 3.17. performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between ability and performance. Note. An "m" in parentheses indicates that the relationship between the model and An "A" indicates the ability-performance relationship is stronger. Comparisons based on raw score performance data.

+ Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Dennett.

\* P < . 35.

12 < .01.

Table 43

1975 Performance (T2) and Combined Effort-Ability $^{+}$  (Multiplicative Comparison of the Relationships Between Ability and

and Additive Models) and 1975 Performance (T2) by Short and Long Tenure Groups

	Long Te	nure	Short Tenure	nure
	Multiplicative Additive [(EI) · V] · A [(EI) +V] +	tiplicative Additive ((EI) · V)·A $\Sigma$ ((EI) +V)+A	Multiplicative Additive \(\Sigma\)\	Additive [(EI)+V]+R
Sales Quota Ratio	2.03 (m)	2.01 (A)	-1.24 (m)	05 (m)
Sales Volume	1.05 (m)	8.37** (A)	11 (m)	00.
Incentive Payment	1.93 (m)	2.46* (A)	-1.73 (m)	05 (m)

t.05 = 2.23, t.01 = 3.17. performance is stronger than the corresponding relationship between ability and performance. Note. An "m" in parentheses indicates that the relationship between the model and An "A" indicates the ability-performance relationship is stronger. Comparisons based on raw score performance data.

+ Ability measure is the Wesman total plus Bennett.

\* p < .05.

\*\* P < .01.

the SSI was used, a comparison of the relationships involving ability alone versus combined motivation-ability suggested that motivation did not contribute to the prediction of performance in the short tenure group regardless of how motivation and ability were combined. Moreover, the results suggested that for the long tenure group, motivation contributed slightly when motivation and ability are combined multiplicatively. This is in direct contradiction to the conclusions drawn from the main sample when the WESTB was used as the ability measure. In the motivation was found to contribute significantly main sam we model. The paradox may in part be a ramifiin the cation of the fact that the WESTB was negatively related to performance in both the long and short tenure group, while motivation alone was positively related to performance in the long tenure group and negatively related in the short tenure group. Inspection of the relationships between the WESTB and 1975 performance (T2) for the main sample as seen in Table 1 suggests that in comparison to the relationships found during the first fiscal period (T1), the relationship between WESTB and performance becomes less positive with time. Thus, the negative relationship between WESTB and performance found in the comparison of the tenure groups may in part be explained by the organization's selection procedure. That is, as the organization continues to select individuals high on the SSI, the WESTB becomes negatively related to performance. explanation would fail to explain why the SSI is negatively related to performance in the short tenure group. Also, the WESTB and SSI are positively related in the short tenure group

 $(\underline{r}=.36)$ . Therefore, the results involving the WESTB in investigating the effect of job tenure on motivation remain a paradox.

In summarizing the set of results pertaining to the effect of job tenure on motivation, it appears that experience with the company does influence job related attitudes and the relationship between motivation and performance. The short tenure group held significantly higher expectancies than incentive payments, and future promotions were a result of personal job effort. They also valued pay and promotions slightly less than the long tenure group. When considering the relationship between combined motivation-ability and performance, the results indicated that the two ability measures reflected the influence of job tenure differently. When the Sales Selection Index (SSI) was used as ability, results indicated that relationships between combined motivation-ability and performance were negative and generally stronger in the short tenure group, and that in general, the two groups were found to differ when the multiplicative combination of motivation and ability was used. The same pattern of results emerged when the Wesman total plus Bennett (WESTB) was used as the ability measure. However, when the contribution of motivation over that of ability in predicting performance was considered, use of the two ability measures produced discrepant results. When the SSI was used, the pattern of results suggested that in the short tenure group an additive combination of motivation and ability was generally more predictive of performance than ability alone, and that no clear advantage for either ability alone or combined motivation-ability was

evident in the multiplicative combination. Motivation contributed nothing to the prediction of performance in the long tenure group regardless of how motivation and ability were combined.

When the WESTB was used as the ability measure, motivation was found to contribute slightly in the prediction of performance when combined multiplicatively with ability in the long tenure group and contributed little when combined additively. No clear advantage for either combined motivationability or ability alone was evident in the short tenure group. As suggested above, these results may be a ramification of the organization's selection instrument.

#### Discussion

The results from this study are consistent enough to suggest several tentative conclusions. First, concerning the main sample, the results consistently suggested the relative efficiency of combining motivation and ability additively rather than multiplicatively as suggested by Vroom (1964) and Porter and Lawler (1968). Additionally, it was shown that when a more general ability measure such as the Wesman total plus Bennett was used in the additive model, a combination of motivation and ability was significantly better in predicting performance than ability alone. Third, results indicated that the partial additive and additive model resulted in virtually identical relationships with performance, suggesting that the manner of combining expectancy and valence is not as crucial as the manner in which motivation and ability are combined. Fourth, combined motivation-ability and satisfaction generally seem to be unrelated when measured concurrently. However, performance and

job related satisfaction appear to be related when each is measured within the same time span. As noted previously, these results are consistent with Lawler and Porter's (1967b) suggestions. Fifth, experience with the company apparently influences an individual's job related attitudes as was seen when a short tenure group was compared with a long tenure group. The influence of job tenure is also seen in the relationships of combined motivation-ability and performance. However, unlike the pattern of results emerging from the main sample, the comparison of tenure groups suggested that the multiplicative model resulted in stronger relationships with performance. When these relationships were compared with those obtained using ability alone, the results again favored the additive model. (Dachler and Mobley (1973) have also found tenure can moderate word motivation models). Future research is needed to further investigate these tentative conclusions and to elaborate on the effect of job tenure and the additive combination of motivation and ability.

The results also indicated a generally consistent and highly significant relationship between promotability ratings and both motivation and combined motivation-ability. These relationships are in part a function of the significant relationship (p <.005) between valence of promotions and promotability ratings from each fiscal period. In total, the results suggest a simple causal model consistent with Lawler and Porters (1967b) model in which individuals who highly value promotions are more likely to display behaviors resulting in higher ratings of promotability.

Perhaps the most notable finding was the relatively consistent, although not always statistically significant, support for an additive model. Generally, the additive combination of motivation and ability was found to have a slightly higher relationship with performance than the multiplicative combina-When the WESTB was used as the ability measure, motivation was found to contribute significantly over ability in the prediction of performance for the additive model. As Campbell and Pritchard (1976) noted, the support for a multiplicative combination is generally unconvincing. In a study using a factorial design, Pritchard and DeLeo (1973) failed to find a significant effect for the hypothesized interaction between ability and valence. They also found that the interaction between instrumentality and valence, although significant, did not conform to the predicted pattern. The multiplicative model is advocated because it permits the hypothesized interaction between components. The results from this study indicated that there were no differences between a partial additive and an additive model. That is, combining the components of instrumentality, either multiplicatively or additively was unimportant; instead, how ability was combined with motivation was the crucial factor. Pritchard and Sanders (1973) also found that a multiplicative combination of components predicted no better than the additive combination, as did Arvey (1972). Although the results indicate that motivation significantly contributed over ability in the prediction of performance when the WESTB was used as the ability measure, they do not indicate that motivation is a better predictor

or as good a predictor as ability alone. Thus, Dunnette (1973) seems to have been correct when he suggested that ability was the most parsimonious predictor of performance but motivation does seem to contribute something. A relevant question is how much does motivation contribute and at what point in the individual's performance history.

The practical implications of a combined motivationability model for an organization are reflected in the potential
for the organization to adjust either motivation or ability
or both through some intervention strategy to accomplish a
desired change in performance. In addition, methods such as
a cost/benefit analysis (cf. Cronbach and Gleser, 1965) and
a policy analysis (cf. Raiffa & Schlaifer, 1961) provide
information on the relative increment in performance attributed
to each component and information on the expected utility for
any given course of action. A combination of the two methods
can be used, as in the case of accident training (Barrett,
Alexander, & Forbes, 1973), to decide on a course of action
which will maximize outcomes for the organization.

For example, assuming that an additive model represents the true state of the world, the organization has the option of increasing the mean level of either or both components in an attempt to increase the mean sales performance of its members. Using total sales volume (T1) (a transformed figure representing actual sales volume), the Sales Selection Index and effort for illustrative purposes, Table 44 indicates that a change in sales ( $\triangle$ sales) of 2801.756 units would result from changing the mean

Table 44

Illustrative Example of Cost/Benefit Analysis

for the Additive Model of Motivation-Ability and Sales Volume (T1)

	Variable	×	SD	r.y.s	A A A	В	{ 23v }	$\Delta$ Sales = $\mathbf{r}_{v,S}$ ( $\Delta 3\mathbf{v}$ )	Δ Sales	Benefit
	Sales Volume	59474.25	15063.2	1						
4	1. Ability	2.96	1.56	.29	.641	.1	1	.186	2801.756	2801.756 2801.756-C1
5	Effort	2.64	69.	.23	.641	.442	1	.147	2214.290	2214.290-C2
	((EIV) pay	1.33	.31	1	1	.442	1.426	.147		
	(EIV) prom	1.29	.50	1	1	.442	.884	.147		
3.	(EIV) prom	1.29	.50	.22	.641	.320	1	.141	2123.911	2123.911 2123.911-C3
	( v prom )	.63	.44	1	1	.320	.727	.141		
	(EI) prom	99.	.26	1	1	.320	1.231	.141		
4	Effort & Ability	5.60	1.94	.31	.641	1.245	ſ	.199	2993.208	2993.208-C4
	Seffort )	2.64	69.	1	1	1.245	1.80	.199		
	\ Ability \	2.96	1.56	!	1	1.245	.80	.199		

a  $\Delta_3 v$  = Change of variable in standard deviation units b  $\Delta v$  = Change of variable in natural scale units c  $\Delta_3 v$  = Change of componentin standard deviation units to reflect change in the variable given the covariance between components.

level of the Sales Selection Index from 3 to 4. Cronbach and Gleser's (1965) decision theory suggests that the actual benefit accrued by a given strategy is equal to the increment resulting from the change minus the cost of the change. Thus in the illustration, the benefit from increasing the SSI by one point is 2801.75 units minus the cost (C.) of such a change. Further inspection of Table 44 reveals that a change in effort equivalent to the change in ability would result in a change of sales of 2214.290 units. Since effort is composed of instrumentality of pay and instrumentality of promotions, the change in effort could be reflected in an increment of 1.4 or .8 standard deviation units for instrumentality of pay and instrumentality of promotion respectively. It should be noted that because of the covariance between the two components of effort, a change in standard deviation units of either component equivalent to a change in effort standard deviation units does not result in the same payoff. This is seen in the case of instrumentality of promotions. A change in this variable equivalent to the change in ability would result in an increase of 2123.911 sales volume units, which is slightly less than the increase indicated by effort. Continuing in this fashion, the organization could gather information on the benefits resulting from an increase in the mean level of any component.

Policy analysis would allow the organization to ascertain which course of action would result in the highest expected utility for the organization. This technique as described by Raiffa and Schlaifer (1961) requires the decision maker to assign probabilities to each course of action. The expected utility

of the action is then the product of the probability and the expected benefit from the course of action. For example, the organization may want to increase the mean level of ability within a certain time period in order to accomplish a desired increase in sales performance. Two possible courses of action are to increase the mean level of ability through selection or through training. Based on other evidence and his own preferences for each action, the decision maker may assign probabilities of .8 and .2 respectively for the accomplishment of each course of action. Thus the expected utility for selection is much greater than for training. Using the information presented in Table 44, an illustrative example of policy analysis is presented in Figure 1. Inspection of the expected monetary utilities for each course of action as indicated in Figure 1 suggests that the organization would do well in attempting to increase both ability, through selection, and effort, providing that the cost of each course of action is equivalent (which is probably not true). Effort could be increased by changing either component making up effort. Inspection of Table 44 for the required change in component standard deviation units (  $\{\Delta_{3v}\}$ ) indicates that the change for instrumentality of promotions is less than that for instrumentality of pay. Similarly, the required change in valence of promotion suggests that valence rather than expectancy would be easier to Thus a combination of cost/benefit analysis and policy analysis suggests that the organization could increase the mean level of sales volume by increasing the mean ability level through selection and the mean effort level by increasing the

Figure 1

the Additive Model of Motivation-Ability and Sales Volume (T1) Illustrative Example of Policy Analysis for

Expected Monetary Utility	2241.4058(C <sub>1</sub> )	560.3512(C <sub>1</sub> )	2214.290-C <sub>2</sub> 1771.4328 (C <sub>2</sub> )	2394.5678 (C <sub>4</sub> )	1496.6048 (C4)	
Expected Benefit	2801.765-C <sub>1</sub>	2801.765-C <sub>1</sub>	2214.290-C2	2993.208-C4	2993.208-C4	
P ( <del>Q</del> )	.80	.20	08.	.80	.50	
Course of Action for Change	Selection	Al Training	A2 Effort	A3 Selection & Effort	Training & Effort	

valence of promotions and reaffirming that promotions are in fact dependent upon performance. Although this conclusion is based on an illustrative example, it demonstrates the practical utility of specifying the relationship between motivation and ability and the utility of using a cost/benefit analysis and policy analysis for making decisions based on the implications of the model.

As previously noted, the results obtained when comparing the two ability measures were not congruent. The results indicated that an additive model produced slightly higher relationships for both ability measures, but motivation contributed significantly only when the WESTB, a general ability measure, was used. In addition, no significant difference was found when comparing the models using each of the ability measures. One possible explanation is that idiosyncrasies in the data may account for the differences between the ability measures. Although cross-validation is necessary, the consistency of results across two of the fiscal periods suggests that another explanation is needed. These results could also be a function of the fact that the SSI was a relatively specific ability measure related to performance, and the WESTB was a more general ability measure. This explanation is consistent with Porter and Lawler's (1968) definition of ability.

Another possible explanation is slightly more complex. There could be a trade off between motivation and ability such that motivation contributes to the prediction of performance only when ability is not highly related to performance. This would indicate that as an individual develops the specific

ability required for a certain type of performance, motivation would play less of a role in determining performance. This is consistent with the common sense notion which suggests that after an individual knows how to do something, he doesn't have to try as hard to achieve the same goal. The explanation also suggests that job related expectancies should be affected by job experience. The results from the comparison of tenure groups in the present study support this hypothesis. Partial support is also seen in the studies by Jorgenson, Dunnette and Pritchard (1973) and Graen (1969) in which performance-outcome perceptions were experimentally manipulated. At this point, it is impossible to say which explanation is the most adequate.

Another perplexity in this study concerns the relatively small relationships found between post-survey performance criteria (T3) and combined motivation-ability. Porter and Lawler's model clearly indicates that job related attitudes (e.g., expectancies and valences) precede the resulting performance (Porter & Lawler, 1968; Lawler, 1968; Lawler, 1973). In the present study, significant relationships were found between combined motivation-ability and performance measured both prior (T1) to the attitude survey and concomitant with the attitude survey (T2). However in general, neither the multiplicative nor the additive combination of motivation and ability were found to be significantly related with the postsurvey performance data (T3). These results may in part be a ramification of the decreasing strength in the relationship between ability and performance over time, or a ramification of the possibility that the time lag between the attitude survey

and the post-survey performance data exceeded the time span of influence for job related attitudes on work performance. The optimal time limit for the influence of instrumentality on performance is largely unknown and presents a substantial concern for research on instrumentality theory. Although the model permits changing expectancies as a result of new information, a relevant question is how rapidly should expectancies change and how long should it take for the change to influence performance (Campbell & Pritchard, 1976). Mitchell (1974) has pointed out that although estimates of internal consistency reliability for instrumentality measures are reasonably high, test-retest reliability is generally low. Whether this unreliability is a result of changing expectancies or poor measurement is a question for future research. In the event that the low reliability is a result of changing expectancies, the specification of an optimal time limit for the influence of jobrelated attitudes on work performance is crucial.

The present study also found that combined motivationability was not related to satisfaction. Performance, on the other hand, was found to be related to satisfaction with supervision and with the job for the concomitant fiscal period (T2) only. These results are consistent with instrumentality theory and with the results obtained by Wanous (1974). Instrumentality theory suggests that the relationship between motivation and satisfaction for a concurrent time period should be substantially less than the relationship found for an adjacent time period, since satisfaction at Time 1 is supposed to influence motivation at Time 2. The relationship found in this study

was concurrent in nature. The theory also suggests that performance at Time 1 causes satisfaction at Time 1. The study by Wanous was consistent with this hypothesis, as were the results obtained in this study.

Mitchell (1974) pointed out that one serious problem in most instrumentality research is that the investigator dictates the relevant outcomes. Campbell and Pritchard (1976) noted that the instrumentality model as a process theory does not specify which outcomes are relevant for certain individuals in a particular situation. In order to be congruent with the model, subjects should generate their own list of outcomes which are relevant for them in a particular situation. This has rarely been done. The study by Hackman and Porter (1968) is one of the few exceptions; however, even in their study, the generated lists were reduced to include only the most frequently mentioned outcomes. The degree of attenuation in the predictions resulting from using a restricted list of outcomes is unknown. In the present study, only pay and promotions were used as outcomes. A related problem is that current research has almost exclusively investigated extrinsic outcomes. Only a few studies have used outcomes such as prestige, security, and autonomy (cf. Porter & Lawler, 1968; Lawler, 1968; Lawler & Porter, 1976; Lawler, 1973; Graen, 1969; Mitchell & Albright, Broedling (1975) found that intrinsic motivation for participating in work activities predicted supervisors' ratings of performance and self-report measures of effort as well as extrinsic motivation for several outcomes. The present study only investigated extrinsic outcomes. More research is needed

in the area of intrinsic outcomes, perhaps using preference for certain job structural attributes as a measure of valence for intrinsic outcomes.

An additional problem with the present study involves measurement. As has been noted, expectancy and instrumentality are supposed to reflect the individual's perceived probability of the relationship between effort and outcomes. Although the present study attempted to conform to the conceptual meaning of expectancy and valence by transforming the responses into 0.0 and 1.0 and -1.0 to +1.0 scales respectively, there is no guarantee that the subject's actual perception of expectancy and valence would correspond to the transformations. A related problem was noted by Slovic and Lichtenstein (1968). They suggested that people tend to underestimate the probability of certain events and overestimate the probability of rare events when subjective probabilities are compared to objective probabilities. More research is needed on the measurement of instrumentality components using process analysis or scaling techniques (Campbell & Pritchard, 1976).

In conclusion the results from the present study are very promising, however, more research is needed in the areas noted, particularly research further investigating the additive model and the possible use of job structural attributes as valued intrinsic outcomes. In addition, experimental studies are needed as noted by Pritchard and DeLeo (1973) and Campbell and Pritchard (1976). The model is intended to predict change in the dependent variable as a result of change in the independent variables.

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Appendix A
1975 Sales Personnel Attitude Survey

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In the section below are listed several aspects of your job. Please indicate the importance of each of these aspects for your overall job satisfaction. This can be done by using the 7-point scale below each aspect. You are to circle the number of the scale that represents the degree of importance you attach to the aspect being rated. The higher the number circled, the more importance is indicated.

For each scale, please circle only one number.

PROMOTIONS: (unimportant)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)
ACCOUNTS & PROS (unimportant)	PECTS:	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)
SUPERVISION: (unimportant)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)
PAY: (unimportant)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)
EMPLOYEE BENEFI (unimportant)	TS:	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)
WORK: (unimportant)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(important)

The following questions relate to your job. Please circle the number which comes nearest to expressing your feeling regarding that particular aspect.

1. How satisfied are you that your incentive payments will reflect your personal job effort?

Completely								Completely
Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Dissatisfied

2. How satisfied are you that future promotions will reflect your personal job effort?

Completely								Completely
Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Dissatisfied

remember that individual responses will be analyzed only by Dr. Barrett.
Simply check the appropriate response for you beneath each question.
Which of these statements come nearest to saying how you feel about your life in general? Would you say that you are
completely satisfied
well satisfied
neither satisfied nor dissatisfied .
a little dissatisfied
very dissatisfied
Thinking about your family and home life as they are now which of these statements comes nearest to saying how you feel?
completely satisfied .
well satisfied
neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
a little dissatisfied
very dissatisfied
Which of these statements tells best how you feel about your job? Would you say that you are
completely satisfied
well satisfied
neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
a little dissatisfied
very dissatisfied
Which of these statements comes nearest to saying how you feel about the way you spend your time when you're not working? Would you say you are
completely satisfied
well satisfied
neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
a little dissatisfied
very dissatisfied

Appendix B

Means and Standard Deviations for Attitude and Ability

Measures (Raw Score)

Appendix B

Means and Standard Deviations for Attitude and Ability

Measures (Raw Score)

	_		Possible
	$\overline{x}$	S.D.	Range
Job Descriptive Index			
Work	44.36	4.79	0-78
Supervision	48.33	7.39	0-78
Accounts and Prospects	44.10	7.85	0-78
Pay	11.48	6.66	0-33
Promotions	20.83	6.66	0-33
Importance for Satisfaction			
Promotions	5.88	1.31	1-7
Pay	6.76	0.48	1-7
Incentive Payments Reflect Your Personal Job			
Effort?	4.40	1.62	1-7
Future Promotions Reflect			
Your Personal Job			
Effort?	3.02	1.58	1-7
Personal Life Satisfaction			
Life in General	2.48	0.86	1-5
Family and Home Life	2.12	0.86	1-5
Job	2.57	0.89	1-5
Free Time	2.17	0.82	1-5
Sales Selection Index			
(SSI)	2.96	1.56	1-5
Wesman Total Plus Bennett			
(WESTB)	96.64	9.80	0-200

 $\underline{n} = 42$ 

Appendix C

Mean and Standard Deviation for Instrumentality

Variables (Transformed Scores)

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Variables (Transformed Scores)

	N	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	S.D.	Possible Range
Expectancy (EI)				
Incentive Payments	42	0.43	0.27	0-1.0
Future Promotions	42	0.43	0.26	0-1.0
rucure Promocrons	42	0.00	0.26	0-1.0
Valence (V)				
Pay	42	0.92	0.16	-1.0-+1.0
Prom	42	0.63	0.44	-1.0-+1.0
[(EI)·V]				
Pay	42	0.40	0.26	-1.0-+1.0
Prom	42	0.40	0.26	-1.0-+1.0
FIOII	42	0.41	0.34	-1.0-+1.0
[(EI)+V]				
Pay	42	1.35	0.31	-1.0-+2.0
Prom	42	1.29	0.50	-1.0-+2.0
[(EI)·V]·WESTB+				
	42	19.01	11.82	00 100
Pay Prom	42	20.80	16.35	-90-+90 -90-+90
	42	20.80	10.33	-90-+90
[(EI)·V]·SSI <sup>+</sup>				
Pay	41	20.53	13.45	-90-+90
Prom	41	21.57	18.14	-90-+90
[(EI)+V]+WESTB <sup>+</sup>				
Pay	42	50.94	9.24	9-92
Prom	42	50.88	9.40	9-92
[(EI)+V]+SSI+	43	F2 40	10.04	0.00
Pay	41	52.40	10.04	9-92
Prom	41	52.32	10.22	9-92
Effort				
Multi				
$\Sigma[(EI) \cdot V] \cdot WESTB^+$	42	39.81	22.25	-180-+180
Multi				100 .100
$\Sigma[(EI) \cdot V] \cdot SSI^+$	41	42.10	26.34	-180-+180
Add				100 .100
$\Sigma$ [ (EI+V] +WESTB <sup>+</sup>	42	52.23	9.36	-180-+360
Add			,.,,	200 .500
$\Sigma[(EI)+V]+SSI^+$	41	53.68	10.21	-180-+360
				100 .000

The Wesman total plus Bennett (WESTB) and the Sales Selection Index (SSI) were transformed into t scores (M=50, S.D.=10) prior to being combined with instrumentality.

Appendix D

Transformation of Performance Criteria

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As part of a continuing research project, performance data for district salesmen is collected for each semi-annual The present study was concerned with data from 1974 and both halves of 1975. For each salesman, data was collected on the total sales volume and incentive payments received per fiscal period, as well as the sales quota set by the home office. Sales quota ratio is the ratio of sales volume to expected quota of sales volume. Data from the first and second half of 1974 were summed to establish performance data for the entire year. As indicated in Appendix E, the relationship between fiscal periods was not very high for any of the performance criteria and decreased considerably as the time between fiscal periods increased. The relationships between total 1974  $(T_m)$  and both halves of 1975  $(T_q)$ and  $T_{\Delta}$ ) were of particular interest since these fiscal periods comprised the performance measurements for the present study. In an attempt to decrease the standard error of measurement, raw performance data was transformed to stanine scores by grouping the Z scores into nine categories, each category having an interval of .5 S.D. (Ferguson, 1976). Although the effect of transforming to stanine scores was not dramatic, as Appendix E indicates, the inter-fiscal relationships did increase for each performance criteria. The most notable increase occurred for the fiscal periods of interest. Appendix F presents the means and standard deviations of the performance criteria for both raw scores and transformed scores.

Conceptually, instrumentality theory requires the measurement of expectancy to include values ranging from 0.0 to 1.0, reflecting the perceived probability that effort leads to outcomes. Similarly, valence requires values ranging from -1.0 to +1.0. In the attitude survey, questions representing these measures required the individual to respond on a 7-point Likert scale. In the present study, the scores from the Likert scales were transformed to the values appropriate for expectancy and valence. Although there is no guarantee that the transformations would be consistent with the individual's perceptions, a reasonable question is whether the transformations had any effect on the resulting relationships with performance. It was hypothesized that the transformations would result in higher correlations with the performance criteria.

Appendix G presents the relationship between performance criteria and instrumentality statements using the raw score data in combination. Inspection of the table reveals that none of the relationships were significant. A test for differences between fiscal periods was conducted using a t-test for correlated measures. As the t-values in parentheses indicate, three of the comparisons were significant and three of the values approached significance, thus suggesting that the relationships between performance criteria and raw scores by fiscal periods were not very stable. Appendix H compares the relationships between performance and instrumentality obtained using transformed scores with the relationships obtained using raw scores. A positive t-value indicates

that the transformed score relationship was higher than the corresponding raw score relationship. Using a one-tailed test, eight of the comparisons significantly favored the transformed data, and 83% of the <u>t</u>-values were positive. These results suggest that the transformation did have the hypothesized effect on the obtained relationships with performance criteria.

# Appendix E

Relationship Between Fiscal Periods for Raw Performance

Data and Transformed Performance Data

Appendix E

Relationship Between Fiscal Periods for Raw Performance

Performance Data. Data and Transformed

				Fiscal Periods	Periods			
	T1-T2	T1-T3	T1-T4	T2-T3	T2-T4	T3-T4	TT-T3	TT-T4
	(n=56)	(n=48)	(n=40)	(n=48)	· (n=40)	(n=40)	(n=48)	(n=40)
Sales Quota Ratio	.18	.30*	80	14	.18	23	.18	.03
Sales Volume	.78***	*08.	.28	.41**	.35*	***66.	.37*	.34*
Incentive Payment	***89.	**04.	.45**	.53***	.37*	.22	.46**	.46**
Performance Rating(n=30)	1	ı	;	.1	1	1	1	.47**
Promotability Rating(n=30)	(0	ł	1	1	1	1	1	.45**
Sales Quota Ratio(9) +	.19	.31*	60	11	.24	24	.19	.04
Sales Volume(9)+	***64.	.48***	**14.	.58***	.46**	***56.	.55***	***05.
Incentive Payment(9)	.63***	.44**	.41**	.58***	.35*	.23	.53***	.40**

Note. T1 = first half of 1974, T2 = second half of 1974, T3 = first half of 1975, T4 = second half of 1975 and TT = 1974 total (first and second half combined).

\*Raw data was transformed to stanine scores (9).
\*P<.05.
\*\*P<.01.

# Appendix F

Means and Standard Deviations of Raw Performance

Data and Transformed Performance Data by Fiscal Periods

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Means and Standard Deviations of Raw Performance

Data and Transformed + Performance Data by Fiscal Periods.

	T	T, (1974)A	T2,(	T2 (1974) B	TT	TT (1974)	Т3,	T3 (1975)D	T4	T4 (1975) E
	<b>*</b>	(S.D.)	er ×	(S.D.)	:'  ×	(n=56) (S.D.)	l×	(S.D.)	×	(S.D.)
Sales Quota Ratio	1.16	(0.1)	98.0	(0.1)	2.02	(0.2)	1.08	(0.1)	96.	(.12)
Sales Volume	27625.13	(7739.4)	31849.13	(8234.0)	(8234.0) 59474.25	(15063.2)	42684.23	(43758.2) 39432.82	39432.82	(40750.1)
Incentive Payments	2090.83	(1176.6)	399.27	(378.9)	2490.11	(1459.7)	1878.77	(1320.5)	1184.30	(632.5)
Performance Ratings					2.73	(.84)			4.17 (1	4.17 ( <u>n</u> =30) (.87)
Promotability Ratings					2.43	(16.)			3.87 (1	3.87 (n=30) (1.17)
Sales Quota Ratio (9)	5.01	(2.0)	4.96	(2.0)	5.05	(1.9)	4.93	(2.0)	5.10	(1.88)
Sales Volume (9) +	5.03	(1.9)	5.01	(2.0)	4.98	(2.0)	4.72	(1.3)	4.78	(1.33)
Incentive +	4.96	(1.9)	4.98	(1.9)	4.96	(1.9)	4.87	(1.7)	5.00	(2.00)

AFirst half of 1974.

Bsecond half of 1974.

Cl974 total (first and second half combined)

Drirst half of 1975.

Esecond half of 1975.

Raw data was transformed to Stanine scores (9).

# Appendix G

Relationships Between Performance Criteria and
Instrumentality and Effort (Raw Score) by Fiscal Period;
Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models

Appendix G

Relationships Between Performance Criteria and Instrumentality

and Effort (Raw Score) by Fiscal Period; Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

				Models		
	Multiplicative [(EI).V]	cative .v]	π	Additive [(EI)+V]	ive +V]	2
	Pay	Prom	Effort	Pay	Prom	Effort
Sales Quota Ratio	.14	.15	.17	.13	. 22	.22
	(1.96)	(1.41)	(2.01)	(1.79)	(1.57)	(2.07)*
T2	24	13	22	22	- 00	18
Sales Volume						
11	90	80.	.01	05	.15	80.
	(-1.49)	(99.)	(46)	(-1.49)	(.73)	(27)
72	.16	02	80.	.17	.04	.12
Incentive Payment						
Tl	.13	02	.07	.13	.05	.10
	(2.18)*	(.19)	(1.46)	(2.11)*	(.26)	(1.25)
T2	19	05	15	18	10.	09
Performance Ratings	11	.04	04	10	.11	.02
Promotability Ratings	.04	60.	.07	.05	.21	.17

Note. A test for differences between fiscal periods is indicated by the t-values enclosed in parentheses,  $\underline{t}.05 = 2.02$ .

$$^{\mathbf{a}}$$
Effort =  $\mathbf{\Sigma}[(EI) \cdot V]$ 

$$^{b}$$
Effort =  $[(EI) + V]$ 

<sup>\*</sup>p <.05.

# Appendix H

Values for a Test of Difference Between Relationships
Using Transformed Scores and Raw Scores: Comparing
Multiplicative and Additive Models

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Values for a Test of Difference between Relationships Using Transformed Scores and Raw Scores: Comparing Multiplicative and Additive Models.

				Models		
	Multipl [(EI	Multiplicative [(EI).v]		Addi [(EI	Additive [(EI)+V]	٩
	Pay	Prom	Efforta	Pay	Prom	Effort
Sales Quota Ratio	76	.43	33	98*-	.10	42
12	1.76*	1.38	1.90*	1.78*	1.71*	2.09**
Sales Volume			100			
T1 T2	69.	.68	.07	.91	.45	9/.
incentive Payments	65	1.00	.41	38	.84	.29
T2	1.42	1.22	1.63	1.55	1.41	1.79*
Performance Ratings	.81	.94	1.11	.83	98.	1.00
Promotability Ratings	00.	1.85*	1.13	.10	2.06**	1.27

A positive t-value indicates that the relationship involving the transformed scores was higher than the corresponding relationship using raw scores, £.05 = 1.68,  $\underline{t}.025 = 2.02$ , one-tailed test.

<sup>a</sup>Effort =  $\Sigma$ [(EI) · V]

<sup>b</sup>Effort =  $\Sigma$ [(EI) + V]

\*p <.05.

\*\*P 4.025.

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